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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1891.

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EXAMPLES OF THE COST OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30 NEXT BIRTHDAY.

STG, payable at death, would cost per quarter at the rate £ 6118 o (a) If premiums are payable for

or £ 9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20 or £11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15 or £13 o o (d) If the Sum Assured is made payable at age 50, or at

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Hongkong, 14th November, 1890. NOTICE.

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HEAD OFFICE, No. 2. QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, 1st February, 1882.

GENERAL NOTICE. THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,

(LIMITED.) CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, \$833,311-33-

EQUAL TO RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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ARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken IVI at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1886,

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT 7 PER CENT. SILVER LOAN. E. OF 1886.

9TH DRAWING,

NTEREST DUE and DRAWN BONDS of this Loan will be PAYABLE at the Offices

the Corporation on and after the 31st March. Lists of Drawn Bonds can be obtained on

application to the Undersigned. For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Agents issuing, the Loan, F. Dr BOVIS.

Acting Chief Manager. Hengkong, 1st April, 1891,

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

CHINESE PORCELAIN, CURIOS, SILK EMBROIDERIES, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 4th April, 1891, commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp, at his Sale Rooms, Duddell Street, A LARGE AND FINE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN, &c., just received from the North of China, and

Comprising: -OLD PORCELAIN of Ming Dynasty and Reigns of | Kanghi to more recent dates in 5-COLOURED VASES, JARS, BOWLS, PLATES, HAWTHORN and OLD BLUE, SANG-DE-BŒUF, IMPERIAL PORCELAIN, PORCELAIN SCREENS in 5 Colours and in Blue, PEKIN CLOISONNE, CARVINGS, IADE ORNAMENTS, OLD SILK EMBROI-DERIES, and other CURIOS,

Catalogues will be issued previous to Sale, and the above will be on view on Friday next. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery. G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer. Hongkong, 31st March, 1801.

PUBLIC-AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction on

SATURDAY, the 4th April, 1891, at 3 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road. Por account of the concerned. THE WRECK OF THE STEAMSHIP "NANZING."

exclusive of Cargo as she then lies stranded at Yechow in Middle Lema Island. The Sale is subject to the operations now going on for the recovery of the Cargo on board and until same are completed. TERMS—Cash, and Wreck at purchaser's risk on fall of hammer.

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O. 3. Wild Dell Buildings, Wanchai Road, 5 Rooms. Rent \$30. A COMFORTABLE FAMILY HOUSE in Richmond Terrace, occupied by Mr. J. D. Humphreys for many years.

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FFICES—above Messrs, Douglas, Lapraik & Co.'s Premises. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ld.

Hongkovg, 16th Docember, 1800. TO LET. DILUE BUNGALOW.

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Bongrong, 17th March, 1891. THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Intimations.

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Our remaining stock of CHRISTMAS SWEETS, CHOCOLATES, SHORT BREAD, &c. we are selling off at reduced prices. Hongkong, 31st January, 1890

PIANOS SALE.

TUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,

Hongkong, 25th March, 1891.

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IVI LEATHER GOODS,

FANCY

Hongkong, 1st April, 1801.

PIANO-TUNER AND REPAIRER.

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PIANOS

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1801.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION! 9TH PRIZE MEETING.

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UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL. Hongkong, 18th March, 1801





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Dotices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have this day OPENED a BRANCH of our FIRM at HANKOW.

CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, 19th March, 1801.

"NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between the Undersigned has been Dissolved from this date by mutual consent. Forward Settlements will be attended to by Mr. E. JONES HUGHES & EZRA.

IXITH reference to the above I shall con-VV tinue the Business of a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER. E. JONES HUGHES.

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GENERAL BROKER. N. N. J. EZRA. Hongkong, 31st March, 1801.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Steamship

·" HARROW," Captain Brooker, will be despatched as above on or about the 2nd April. For Freight, apply to

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STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAK

AND KOBE. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.) HE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

Captain W. D. Mudie, will leave for the above

places, on SATURDAY, the 4th April, at DAY-E. L. WOODIN.

Superintendent. Hongkong, 16th March, 1801. DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO THE Company's Steamship. Captain Hunter, will be despatched for the

LIMITED.

Daylight, instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 31st March, 1801.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA

above Ports on SUNDAY, the 5th April, at

(FLORIO AND RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES). STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers, to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES (LEGHORN), and GENOA; all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS,

up to CALLAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

THE Company's Steamship " BISAGNO," C. Orengo, Master, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 7th April, at NOON. At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in

Victoria Dock. For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 31st Mirch, 1801. EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.) HE Steamship "AIRLIE,"

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ADELAIDE.

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the roth April, For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSE RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1801.

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. NOTICE. STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH

PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA,

ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,

AMERICAN PORTS. THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AMD LUGGAGE.

N.B .- Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

N SUNDAY, the rath day of April, 1891, at 11 AM, the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN," Captain K. von Goessel, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE & CARGO, will leave this Post as above, Calling at GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on Board until 4 p.m. PRACTICE will take place from the Bat-Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 11th April, (Parcels are not to be sent on Board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Con- of o a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

tents and Value of Packages are required. All Ships, Junks and o

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.

Empress of India. | Tuesday ... | April 7th. Parthia | Tuesday... | May 5th. Empress of Japan | Tuesday ... | June and.

THE Steamship "EMPRESS OF INDIA," Captain O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 7th April, with Her Majesty's Mails, will preceed to VANCOUVER, win SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, INLAND

SEA, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA. "RATES OF PASSAGE. FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS. To Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, Port Townsend, \$225.00

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12 months at 25 per cent. off Return Fare. (Time is reckoned from the date of issue to date of re-embarkation at Vancouver.) Passengers to Pacific Coast Points and to Interior and Eastern Points of Canada and U.S.A. not holding prepaid return tickets, but who reembark at Vancouver within 12 months from date of issue of original ticket, will be allowed to per cent, off the return fare.

at \$650 or for 4 months \$575. CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points, Consular Involces of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. BROWN, Assistant General

Prepald return tickets to Liverpool and London will be issued available for 12 months

Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Vancouver, B. C. Parcels must be sent to our Office with address marked in full by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing. For further information as to Passage of

Agents. Genekone, 18th March. vont OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

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application.

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Passengers by this line have the option of

not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe. Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage of Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central. J. S. VAN BUREN.

Acting Agent. Hongkong, 24th March, 1801.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TNFORMATION has been received from the I Military Authorities that ARTILLERY teries at Lyemun in North-Westerly and Easterly directions, on the 3rd April, between the hours All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are The Steamer has splendid Accommodation cautioned to keep clear of the range.

> W.M. DEANE, Acting Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office. Hongkeng 25th, March, 1891,

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MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

HONGKONG, THUREDAY, APRIL 2, 1891.

THE customary weekly meeting of the Legislative Council has been postponed from to-day until to-morow afternoon, We don't know why this has been done, day, the 9th inst. nor whose convenience has been especially consulted, but we are glad all the same, as the delay affords us an opportunity of offering Governor DES. Vœux a few words of sound and salutary, advice. They may not-probably will not-be accepted, but that wont be our fault. There is before the Council at the present time a bill entitled The Gambling Ordinance, 1891. We rejoice to say that we do not know who drafted this extraordinary production: but we feel justified in concluding that some official celebrity is responsible for it. A few weeks ago the Governor thought fit to make some general observations on the gambling question, and we are bound to say that, in our opinion, his remarks were sensible and very much to the point. But Sir William DES Votuz wound up, and that Messes, A.B. Redyk, A. G. was not satisfied with advocating policy which would have gained him a will appear to morrow,

deservedly carned popularity; he elected one day to tell the Council, and through the Council the public, that the proposed legislation for gambling was a practical impossibility, and the next he advocates the passing of a bill which makes every club or social institution in the colony a common gaming house.

We strongly recommend Governor bas Voux to follow his first impressions and unreservedly withdraw this most obnoxious bill. It's becoming the law of this colony cannot possibly do any good, but inevitably must lead to infinite trouble and difficulty. Is the game worth the candle? We fail to see it. With the exception of the Governor and Dr. Ho Kar, there is not a man in the Legislative Council who appears to be acquainted with even the rudiments of the gambling difficulty. 'And the result has been inane twaddle, and too much of it to be cheerfully swallowed at one dose. Section 3 of this proposed Ordinance, if passed as at present drafted, strength. makes the Hongkong Club, the Club Lusitania, the Club Germania, the City Club. and every other place in the colony where whist, or poker, or cribbage, or billiards, or any other game is regularly played and all these games are played nightly for money where Europeans congregate -common gaming houses, and subjects the members to fine or imprisonment, or both. Does Governor pre Voux consider this coercive policy intelligent legislation Does he really imagine that such baldfaced restrictive measures can lead to anything but trouble? We can't believe it his Excellency may not be a great genius; but he certainly is a man of sense,

If this bill is passed there must be no exceptions; the proverbial four-wheeled coach must not have a turnpike road right through the prohibitive clauses of this most original of local reforms; from the Hongkong Club to the Race-course, from the Race-course to the mess of the Pahang Diamond Company and the Kowloon Joint Stock Robbery Amalgamation there must be no respect of institutions and persons; what is law for the Chinese merchant or compradore in the Yat On Club must be equally law for the European merchant or clerk in the City Club, or the European speculator in the share exchange in | Wz read that the Nicaragua Canal is attracting Queen's Road popularly known as the Hongkong had better at once close their muscular watchmen armed with cudgels to keep off the active and energetic and immaculate police-who didn't catch any | Charming Kitty O'Shea is described as having of the Namoa pirates.

shelved for an indefinite period. We generally object to Commissions in this are almost invariably an admixture of rogues and fools-mostly fools; but as the official element in the Legislative Council at the present time is painfully conspicuous for absolute lack not merely of brains but of ordinary intelligence, we should not object if Governor DES VOLUX took upon himself to appoint three men of standing and reliability, outside officialdom, to enquire into this gambling problem and to suggest a practical solution for the various questions at issue. We proffer our assistance, and we are supported by the entire Chinese community, so that the offer is not a mere figure of speech. for the true interests of this 'colony before' he leaves us for good? This is only a minor opportunity, but still it is not without importance. And before te-morrow afternoon, if the Registrar-General could be temporarily gagged, a vast deal of trouble would be saved.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T is said that New York has over 1,000 millionaires, while London has 600, Paris 500, Berlin 200, and Vienna 100.

THE M. M. steamer Yangtof, with the outward French mail, left Singapore at 9 a.m. to-day, and may be expected here on or about Wednes-

participated in a robbery that was committed in that vicinity some few weeks ago,

Wond Mun alias Fa Tai Mun, who was arrested by Inspector Stanton and Sergeant Detective McIver in First Street on the 5th ult., the present directors of the "princely house," on a warrant charging him with having com- are-well, what they are. mitted murder, and piracy in Chinese waters. was handed over to the Chinese authorities on board the gunboat Kevengching this afternoon, under a strong escort of police."

AM extraordinary moeting of the Marina. Limited, was held at the Hongkong Hotel this afternoon. Mr. Fraser-Smith, in the absence was resolved that the Company be voluntarily Gordon and R. France-Smith be appointed

FARES for native passengers travelling between Hongkong and Canton have been on the rise of late. On the H. M. and C. Co.'s Powan the price was raised yesterday from 30 to 50 cents, and the same figure is now quoted by the Pasig's agents

"Brownie" kindly note. A Cooktown editor describes his gutter-suipe local rival in big type as "a prime sniveller, driveller, liar, and uneducated blackguard." The Fish Wrapper man has reasons to be thankful that his lot wasn't cast in Cooktown.

"FATHER," pleaded the beautiful girl, "give your consent. Let Gustave and I marry." The father, a famous student of natural history rising in a towering rage:-"What ! marry? You that can't tell how many pairs of cervical vertebra there are in a lizard!"

THE repeated rumors of the ill-health of Emperor William, says the San Francisco Chronicle, seem to be inspired by stock speculators, but the fact that they seem to be readily accepted as true a strong indication that the German people have not much confidence in their sovereign's physical

THE majority of offences that come on for investigation at our local Police Court are invariably opium cases, and this morning a fair average was dealt with by Mr. Wise. There were seven persons charged, and fines were imposed amounting to \$166. All is grist that comes to the magisterial mill.

A PRIZE fight in Portugal is something like slege of Hongkong by Ghinese salt smugglers. Two pugilists in "fair Lusitania" recently engaged in a prize fight for 1,127 rounds. They fought six hours a day, stopping at noon to eat and smoke. And they talked politics at nightadvocating a republic.

An Indian constable was somewhat surprised this morning, when he found the body of a Chinese child, apparently about three months old, in the gutter in Po Wan Street. Enquiries were made but no person in the vicinity knew anything as to the parentage of the child, and the body was consequently taken to the Govern-

UST before the steamer Fatshan sailed for Macao yesterday a wily Celestial was smartly dropped upon by a Chinese constable. A woman standing in the alley-way with a bundle in her hand was surprised by having the same suddenly snatched away, but before she could even raise an alarm, P.C. Tai Loi had arrested the thief The case was remanded by the magistrate for a

much attention, and the opponents of the project, Hongkong Club. In plain English, if and pessimists who believe it never will be this Gambling Ordinance, as at present finished, are gradually disappearing, as it is now drafted, is passed, all the Clubs in patent that the company is being managed with economy and skill-each day adds to the accomplished work. The extravagance and waste doors, and private residents engage which ruined the Panama scheme are conspicuously absent from the management is Nicaragua.

the thin-lips-and-bulging-brow-we-see on the This Gambling Ordinance ought to be Cleopatra medals, and as being as cold-blooded long way off the leonine Antony.

> THE rage for economy manifested by the House of Representatives, has furnished the Government with a pretext for getting rid of those foreigners in Japanese employ who are not protected by agreements which have yet a considerable time to run. Amongst those upon whom the hand of fate has fallen, we hear the names mentioned of Capt. Squire, Mr. Satow, and Mr. Merriman, of the Post Office. By and bye, adds the Daily Herald, "Japan for the Japanese," will be un fait accompli.

IT may perhaps interest somebody to know that Edison was a telegraph operator; Henry M Stanley a reporter ; P. T. Barnum kept a country Will his Excellency try to do something | store; Justice Miller clerked in a drug-store; Garfield walked the tow-path of a canal General Grant was a tanner and a farmer General N. P. Banks began life as a factory boy Senator Stanford was a country lawyer in Wisconsin; Mark Twain was employed on a Mississippi-river boat; and that Blaine and Cleveland were teachers in schools for the blind.

> WHEN the Gordon-Cumming slander cases come on for trial it is a fair and reasonable assumption that "Wales" will be permitted to asseverate his say-so "on my honour as a gentleman, instead of being required to "kiss the book" after the manner of common mortality "Tummy" has gone through this farce before when he was placed in a position in which every "real gentleman" would brazenly tell a lie order to save some of the reputation of a lady And the defunct Ballantyne let him off very easily. We were there that day,

WE observe that Mr. Bell-Irving and the Nawab Wala Qudr, of Murshidabad, had a real THREE Chinese criminals are to be executed on | good time the other week in the Bengal district. Saturday afternoon at Kowloon City, for having | They were out in search of big game in Maida and secured three tigers, a leopard and a number of deer. We wonder if this Mr. Bell-Irving is our ancient friend "Jock," of Jardines ! Bell-Irving was a man, a sportsman, and a gentleman, and it is a matter for sincere regret to all gentlemen and sportsmen that his successors,

SMUGGLING, like murder, is invariably found out, and it would seem that "Joss" is generally to light. However, be that as it may, a couple of the Chairman of the Company, was unant- into the fixings of the cabin which they mously elected to the Chair. On the proposition | both occupied, and were rewarded by | weather, moderate winds and a cold wave | and | was not stipulated. Unfortunately, as it of Capt. J. Pitman, seconded by Mr. A. Bain, it | uncarthing some rolls of contraband stuff supposed to belong to one of the "boys" employed | high winds and a warm wave. The word "lilgh" on board. The virtuously indignant ladies at on the weather map indicates the area of an iline of barges did not admit of more than two once reported the find to the Customs Officials, anti-cyclone, and the word "low" the area of a liquidators. A full report of the proceedings and the 'cargo' to the value of \$5, was ferth. Both disturbances are beneficial and a gig was towing astern which narrowed the I with confecated to the State,

THE new river steamer Tai-on has got through her difficulties and is now about to fly the British flag; a permit to do so having been granted at the Harbour Office yesterday.

A STOKER named Bavestock was charged before Mr. Wise this morning with being drunk and disorderly at a late hour last night. He rode up to Government Wharf in a ricksha and refusing to pay his fare an Anglo-Chinese quarre forthwith ensued. P.C. Sinclair came up at the moment, and as the defendant would neither go away nor pay the 'ricksha-man, he was locked up. A fine of \$2 or seven days' seclusion wa

PROFESSOR Goldwin Smith is already debating the question whether after the annexation of Canada the country should be called the "United States of America and Canada." This name says the S. F. Chronicle, would be too cumbersome, and we will probably stick to our old appellation. Besides, if Canada is permitted to enter the Union, her territory will naturally be divided up into States, and the section will lose its political identity entirely, or at least will have no more importance sectionally than its population will give it. But is it not a trifle premature to discuss names before the necessity for using them arises?

THE "Great I'nwashed" will assemble at the Magistracy on the forenoon of the 7th inst. to consider an application from Mr. James William Osborne for a publican's license for that famous landmark at East Point known as Whitfelld Police Station, and which will in future be know as the Bay-View Inn. The want of a house of call, where refreshments could be obtained, ha long been felt by the numerous wayfarers who daily and nightly use this most frequented of our public roadways, so that Mr. Osborne's application comes in good time. We doubt not that the Bay View Inn will prove a great boon to the

MAJOR-GENERAL A. H. A. GORDON, Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, left here yesterday by the "Glen" liner Glenogle on ten months! leave of absence-six months leave on half salary in addition to four months' vacation leave The gallant General will be greatly missed in the colony; he is one of the few gentlemen in that long and dreary list of self-sufficient snobs and illiterate cads whose official vagaries make the colony the laughingstock of foreigners, Major-General Gordon, in addition to being gentleman, is a most useful and efficient officer. He has only one failing; he has not yet learned to kow-low.

AT a jeweller's shop in Madrid a diamond neck lace of great magnificence is just now creating a great deal of excitement, not only on account of its beauty and its high price, but also by reason of the history attached to it. The necklace ir question belonged formerly to the Empress Eugenie, to whom it was presented by Ismail the former Viceroy of Egypt, when she, in 1869, opened the Suez Canal. This interesting piece of jewellery was bought at the sale that took place some years ago of all the Crown jewels of the French Republic, and has particular interes for the Spaniard from having belonged to their unfortunate country-woman. Fifteen thousand pounds is the price asked for this bauble.

At the Marine Court this morning before Comd. Hastings, R.N. acting Marine Magistrate. Charles Smith, second mate of the steamer Diamond, charged the chief officer of the same steamer, Mr. Park, with assaulting him on the 1st inst. The complainant said that at noon on ordinarily as Cleopatra was known to be. She the day in question he spoke to the defendant on same can be said of Mr. Montgomery's Tyball, is not a very tall or big-boned woman, but is the bridge about a Chinese passenger being sick. the latter's duel scene with Roman being clever ruddy and full-blooded; her hair is blonde and The defendant made no reply and witness went | and dramatic to a degree. Capulet as played colony, because the members appointed profuse, and her complexion is fair. And her to the sick man with some medicine, returning by Mr. Atholwood, showed how good an allmorals are-well, yes, just so. But if Kitty bears I to the deck about half an hour afterwards. Fround actor this gentleman is. The Peter of some resemblance to Cleopatra, Parnell is a very | The defendant upon seeing him asked him where he had been and if he had taken the time-ball, and replying in the negative. he received a blow on the lip and another on the The defendant, in his defence, said the complainant knew it was his duty to take the I time-ball, and having missed doing so the previous day, he was vexed and merely pushed the complainant. A fine of half a dollar was

> UNDER the heading "The Anti-Cyclone," Lieut. J. P. Finley, of the San Francisco Signal Office, writes:-The employment of this term for meteorological purposes naturally follows the use of the word cyclene. The prefix anti indicates the existence of a circular system in the air directly contrary to that which prevails in the cyclone. As the circulation of the air currents differ widely from those of the cyclone; so also are the accessory phenomena of an opposite nature. The anti-cyclone is an area of high barometer in which the atmospheric pressure is decidedly above the normal. The highest pressure is at the centre and diminishes thence outward to the circumference. The circulation of the air is spirally outward from the centre. The air does not attain a circular motion anywhere within the area, and the tendency to a spiral movement is only disclosed when the whole disturbance is charted and observations from every quarter are available. The circulation of the air in an anti-cyclone gives rise to westerly winds on the north side of the centre, northerly winds on the east side, easterly winds on the south side and southerly winds on the west side. The four quadrants of an anti-cyclone are distinguished as follows :- In the N.E. quadrant, clear, cold, dry weather, with winds of moderate force, In the S.E. quadrant a cold wave with the lowest temperatures, clear, dry air and high winds. In the S.W. quadrant, fair, cool, pleasant weather with gentle winds and haze. In the N. W. quadrant, increasing temperature, increasing humidity, cloud formation and threatening weather. The front of an anti-cyclone is the extreme rear of a cyclone, and the extreme rear

of an anti-cyclone is the front of a cyclone. The air moves downward and outward in an antievelone, and inward and upward in a cyclene, The air which flows outward from the top of a cyclone is cold and dry, because deprived of its heat and moisture in the development of rain or snow. This air decends toward the earth's surface and gives rise to the formation of the anti-cyclone. There is always' an anti-cyclone between two cyclones, both of which are feeding the former and maintaining its identity; The cold weather of an anti-cyclone is partly, due to the principal agent in the bringing of these sins | the descent of cold air from above, the horizontal flow of cold air from northern regions, and the effect of radiation which is generally augmented of missionary ladies who took passage by the by the absence of vapor and clouds. The area. Powan to Canton the other evening, took it upon of the anti-cyclone is frequently greater than themselves to institute a general investigation | that of the cyclone, and its form less regular. An anti-cyclone is synonymous with clear, cool cyclones with cloudy weather, rain or snow, happened, the gunboats had all swung across, I moreovery to the prosperity of manistral

Two Chinese were arrested on board the Powas at Canton yesterday on suspicion of having been connected with the Namoa piracy. These latter arrests bring the number of 'suspects' up to fifteen; all of whom are in custody at

IN consequence of the departure on leave of Major-General Gordon, Mr. A. M. Thomson; a passed cadet who has lately been acting as assistant to the Colonial Secretary, assumes the superintendentship of Victoria Gaol. Mr. Thomson is quite a young man and totally without experience, but we doubt not that he will be found all that could be desired in the responsible position into which he has been so luckily pitchforked. The new Superintendent of the Gaol is a graduate of Aberdeen University, a ripe scholar, a man of strong character and sound intellectual powers—quite a different article from the ordinary local type of officialand we have no hesitation in predicting for him a distinguished career in the Colonial Service.

CHUNG YAU and four other Chinese were charged at the Magistracy this morning with being concerned in stealing a quantity of jewellery and a dispatch box, containing letters and notes, in all to the value of \$2,800, the property of Mr. K. Blacklock, from the Hongkong Hotel on the 1st inst. Inspector Quincey stated that after having received information of the robbery, a search was made in the foreman's room which is on the ground adjoining the Hotel, where a new wing is at present in course of erection. In the room a quantity of torn-up letters were found which Mr. Blacklock identified as being his property. and which were in the dispatch box at the time the latter was stolen. From further enquiries it was found that four of the defendants had slept in the room on the night of the robbery. Mr. Wise remanded the case for a week, allowing bail to each in one surety of \$250.

"ROMEO AND JULIET" AT THE CITY HALL.

The Miln Dramatic Company appeared in the

above at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night, before a crowded audience and it is no exaggerstion, although high praise, to say, that it was the most successful, most even, and in short the best production that the Company has yet favored us with. The fact is evident that the longer Mr. Mila performs here the more popular is he and his. Company likely to become, and the more generally will their talents be recognised. The only thing that marred—even in a slight degree the success of last night's performance was the unfortunate fact that Miss Jordan was suffering from a severe cold and sore throat. and being thus so heavily handicapped it speaks volumes for this young ladies's skill as an actress that she should be able to give so fine a rendering of Shakespeare's hapless heroine. Miss Jordan's Juliet is, we imagine, the most genuinely artistic of this lady's conceptions, and her performance last night can fairly be classed from every point of view as being one of the best seen here for a long time. Mr. Miln is, of course, far too talented an exponent of Shakspearean character not to give a spirited and dramatic rendering of the volatile Romeo. Equally in the tender and in the more stormy scenes he evinced a close acquaintance with the lights and shades, the passion and pleasure wrought in and out and side by side, in the works of the immortal Bard. The Mercutie of Mr. Nunn was-also a highly creditable performance, both acting and elocution being thoroughly in accord, and the Mr. Joe Stark was a passable performance—well made up and fairly acted, but many good points were missed. Mr. Hill as Friar Laurence gave promise of better things, and perhaps the same may be said of Mr. Money's Benvolto, but both these gentlemen have much to learn, and a deal to forget, before they reach the summit of an actor's ambition. Paris was hardly himself, and Mr. Wakefield had a decided absent air about him that detracted somewhat from the excellence of the performance. Miss Frances Ross, it is necdless to say, madea most stately and beautiful, albeit hard-hearted, Lady Capulet, who dressed, 'moved, acted and had her being' with characteristic taste and grace, nor must the Nurse of Miss Ruby Bowman be passed over. This was the first part of any importance that Miss Bowman has yet been intrusted with here, and in truth we must say she did it more justice than we gave the young lady credit for. Romeo and Juliet will be repeated to-morrow evening, and we strongly advise all those who missed last night's performance to book their seats early.

THE RECENT BOAT-RACE.

We have received the following correspondence, which "An Old Sportsman" will deal with in our next issue:-

DYAR SIR.—Having been verbally requested by Mr. John Andrew, the Umpire of Monday's boat race, to forward his decision to you for publication after I had myself read it, I herewith forward you a copy of the same, together with a copy of a protest that I have made, against the sald decision being recorded. Yours faithfully.

. Jas. A. Sampson. Hongkong, 1st April, 1891.

HONGKONG CLUB.

G. C. C. MASTER, Esq.,

Hon. Secretary, V. R. C.

DEAR SIR .-- As Umpire in to-day's boat race beg to give my decision in regard to the foul which has been claimed by the crew of Mr. Stewart-Lockhart's boat against that of Mr. Sampson. Before starting the different stations were drawn as follow :--

Stewart-Lockhart No. 1 (Inside) Henderson

After getting away, an oar or stretcher broke

in Captain Henderson's boat and a similar accident occurred on board that of Mr. Master. Both these boats having stopped pulling, the race was confined to No. r (Mr. Stewart-Lockbart) and No. 3 (Mr. Sampson). As you are aware, the course was from a point between two boats moored off Wanchal to another point off the Boat-house, but whether inside or outside the line of gunboats and the passage between their sterns and the boats rowing abreast. At the Alacrity, however, cleaned to the passege there of only one bonly

both boats paddied home. After careful as mentioned in this journal on the was no teem for two boats to row abreast, and therefore the right of way belonged to the inside boat (Mr. Stewart-Lockhart's) to whom I must allow the foul claimed. I trust, however, that both crews will consent to the race being rowed over again, and let the better of the two win. Yours faithfully,

JOHN ANDREW.

G. C. C. MASTER, Esq., Hon. Secretary, V. R. C.

DEAR SIR,- Having read the accompanying letter from Mr. John Andrew containing his decision as umpire re Mondays race, I beg to protest against his decision being placed on record, as his reason for arriving at the same would, I believe, if referred to any unbiased person either with, or without, a knowledge of boat-racing laws, be quite sufficient to throw out Mr. Lockhart's claim and to substantiate mine. The reason given by him for letter), is that the passage between the gunboats and the line of barges would not admit of more | The selection of the Tru-Kuang Ko as the than two boats rowing abreast, and that owing to the fact that at the Alacrity, the passage was further reduced in width by a gig lying astern; my boat, which as he himself states was at this point leading by about three quarters of a length, newspaper of that period, a few days ago, Mr. Lockhart claimed the race, which claim the arguments then used against such a minisving umpire upholds.

"I contend that the course over which the race was to have been rowed was the same as that which was rowed over for the trial heats, viz:from a line near the rock buoy to a line parrallel with the same off the bath house, the line of gunboats forming the outer edge of the course. My boat was stationed at No. 3 Station, or one station inside the line of gunboats. Had the boat occupying No. 4 Station elected to take course inside the gunboats, as the coxswain o that boat informed mine he intended dolar. should have endeavoured to have found a way between the lighters into a clear inside course, rather than have run the risk of a foul on the outer track, but as No. 4 boat was, at the time the foul occurred, out of the race ewing to s broken oar, I had taken its water, which I contend I had a perfect right to hold. Even supposing there was no cossibility of the inside boat going between the lighters into an inside course, and that there was only sufficient room between the Alacrity and the lighter for one boat to pass at a time, I contend that having the lead at this point I was quite entitled to the right of way. At the same time I am of opinion that by a little judgment and good steering on the part of Mr. Lockhart's coxswain some few lengths back from where the foul occurred, the foul could have been averted. The slightest pull on the rudder after passing the mooring hulk, or even when well down amongst the lighters, would have taken Mr. Lockhart's boat into a clear course.

I take exception also to the statement made by the umpire that "after the foul both boats paddled home," conveying thereby that the race was practically given up. For my part, m boat was rewed home and had it not been that the other boat's rudder had received damage as she was being shoved across my boat's bow in clearing from the foul, there would have been a most exciting race for the finish.

I am aware that according to the rules of the Club, the umpire's decision in boat racing is final, but in this case the decision is, in my mind, and also in that of a large number of those who witnessed the race, so flagrantly a variance, with the facts, that I am prompted to request you to bring the matter before the Committee, either that they may themselves settle the question, or that they may appoint some totally disinterested person to set as referree in the matter. I would suggest that Captain Hastings, R.N., would perhaps be the most fitting person to refer the matter to if he would undertake it.

I may mention that the umpire himself seems somewhat uncertain of his decision as you will notice that although he allows Mr. Lockbart's claim, he suggests that the race should be rowed over again. Such a decision (?) is most unsatisfactory, bearing in mind the fact that my boat fairly beat Mr. Lockhart's in the trial heat.

Leaving the matter, for the present, entirely in the hands of the Committee.

I remain, Dear Sir. Yours faithfully.

JAS. A. SAMPSON. Hongkong, 1st April, 1891.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

. CANTON.

2nd April, 1801. The Czarewitch is tabled to leave Hongkong about 8 a.m. on Sunday morning next by the steamship Kiangkwan, if His Imperial Highness prefers this vessel to a Chinese man-of-war, which has been placed at his disposal by the authorities. The steamer is to proceed via Macao, to enable the Czarewitch to exchange courtesies with the Portuguese authorities at that place, but he is timed to reach Canton before night. If he comes by the Klanghwan she will go to her wharf and remain there during the Czarewitch's sojourn here, and it is understood that only an official return visit will be paid to the Shameen. The marriage of the Governor of Kwangiung is the next exciting event on the table, the young lady being a Nanking belle-shortly to arrive with a suitable entourage.

THE AUDIENCE.

Some lessons are hard to learn, and, paradogidealing with China, whether in the capacity of European king. For several years past, says it carries the genuine "r" sound, and that such diplomatists or belligerents, have followed a rule the Sydney Bulletin, the Portuguese have a word, for example, as "Berkeley" is not so simple that the weakest intellect could not suffered from an aching desire to throw over-fail to master it. It is a golden rule, which has board their little ahrivelled-up potentate, with been formulated many times by different people, all his relatives, and his regalia, and his other but always in a few words. Lord Elgin put it utensils of monarchy, and a few weeks ago they thus :—"I will make no demand which is just missed their chance by a hair's-breadth. not just, but from a demand once put The British Government lent its moral influence forward I will never recede." Admiral Sir to prop up the miscrable bankrupt swindle that Michael Seymour said ; " I am determined that | reigns beside the Tagus, because the Tory party all my demands shall be satisfied." No more loathes and abhors Republicanism, and grovels Hypophosphites acts both as food and medicine. than that. These brief sentences contain all to Monarchy no matter how mean it may be, the Law and the Prophets of foreign rela- and for the same reason that it habitually insults tions with China. The difference between the France and abases itself before Germany; but, form proper to adiplomatist and the Commander | despite British influence, King Carlos' crown of a militant force is also clearly displayed in the | will go, almost to a certainty, at the next shot, above two deliverances. The one, with the Portugal hasn't found Monarchy a success. weapon in his hands, says simply, "My demands under its control the country has sunk into a shall be satisfied;" the diplomatist, less brusque, miserable little patch of sores and sin and still nails his motto to the mast, "I will never ignorance, and has acquired the biggest debt per recode." The negotiations preliminary to the late | head in all Europe; and the army has

Before approaching this narrow channel Mr. I to discussion a question that prop rly spenking | treasury is an I O'U stowed away in a disused Sampson's boot was leading by about three- admitted of none, and second in "receding" quarters of a 'length, but as' there was from positions once taken up. It was not, of no room for two boots a collision took course, in the power of the foreign Ministers to place, the how of Mr. Lockhart's boat running | insist on their demands, but it was well within under Mr. Sampson's our and on getting clear | their power to refuse to take less. They did, inspection of the spot I am of opinion that there | February, refuse to go for Audience to the Tru Kuang Ko. They refused, orally, in emphatic tones, to repair to that Hall of the Tributaries. and they recorded the refusal in indelible script in at least two languages. Yet they "receded," and allowed the Ministers of the Tsung-li Yamen an easy trimuph. What other concessions were made, either on one side or the other, it were useless to discuss, since this one typifies and blots the whole ceremony. There is one way of receiving the envoys of equal and friendly powers, and any ceremony that involves negotiation stands ipso facto condemned.

The locality chosen for the Audience was no surprise sprung suddenly upon the Ministers, but a familiar question, almost musty with age It cropped up first in connection with the Audience of 1873. The Ministers were deceived then, and seemed to be led into a trap, but the public were never deneived; and it is deserving of remark that looking back over the last fifty years of foreign dealings with China, the public and the press have usually taken the sound coming to such a decision (as I understand from his | view of all these great international questions. the view that has been justified by events. place of Audience of His Majesty Tungchih in 1873 was freely commented on in the press some time before that, Audience took place. Happening to drop on a Shanghai was run into by Mr. Lockhart's boat, whereupon we were struck by the identity of the reception of the foreign Ministers as was implied in dragging them off to this distant out-house, and those which have been adduced on the present occasion. The articles then written might have been transferred verbatim to the columns of any of the papers of 1891, where they would have been perfectly appropriate. The Ministers therefore had warning in 1873, but they breded it not. They and everybody else perceived afterwards that a blunder had been committed, and they were probably secretly relieved when the untimely death of the Emperor removed the question of Audience for a time from the sphere practical politics. By common consent the ceremony was pronounced derogatory, and the consequences of it have been recognized as injurious to subsequent good relations. We remember well on one occasion riding over the Marble Bridge with the lite Sir Harry Parkes, when he pulled up and, pointing in the direction of the ill-omened Tzu Kuang Ko, with a flash of scorn in his clear blue eye, said :-"Never more anything of that kind! " Everybody, it was understood, was of the same opinion, and yet here. we are back to where we were in 1873, with our vantage ground surrendered. By what form of ratiocination, or by what inducement the conversion of the Ministers has been brought about, we are not aware. Neither is it of much importance, since the best reasons in the world

> The difficulties of the Chinese Government in granting audiences or doing any other ac' implying the equality of foreign governments are ndoubtedly great, and we have, according to our lights, done full justice to them. But they are as nothing compared with the difficulty which a failures, due to sheer ignorance of their subject foreign representative ought to feel in lowering the dignity of his own country. Wherever the beard a Chinaman talk English ought to make. bridge may be sought for to connect the two. incompatibilities surely it must never be found in the submission, at once unnatural and insincere, of the strong nation to the weaker. It was not the business of foreign states to provide any solution of the difficulties of the Chinese Government, and if its pretensions be really incompatible with the etiquette of civilised nations all that need be said is, tant pis an early edition of one of Bret Harte's stories- Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways. waited for ten, twenty, or fifty years, or until the next war cleared away the cobwebs from' people's eyes. An audience of the Chinese Emperor was no such urgent desidenatum to not only not come trippingly from his tongue, but them; it was, in fact, of no practical value whatever, and not worth the most trivial concession on any point of international courtesy. It was China alone that began to feel the need of placing her diplomatic relations on a more legitimate footing, and whatever sacrifice might be necessary to attain the object it was for China herself to make it, either now, or whenever she imagined she could afford it. As has oftenhappened before, however, the weaker party by dint of presistent asseveration, has gained the momentary advantage, albeit to the permanent disadvantage of all, especially to China herself

has been a reception of equals by an equal? Have

the Chinese any such idea? If not the more or

less of bowing and accuping is a mere triviality.

No special public interest is to be served by singling out individual Ministers in matters of this kind where all are equally concerned. The oldest heads and most experienced naturally carry the greatest weight of responsibility, which they may before long find heavy enough

without the bite of any journalistic sarcasm. Intimately connected with the Audience of foreign ministers is the reception of the Czarewitch, and there are symptoms observable of the Russian Government having learned one or two things during the last few months, which may affect the programme laid out for the visit of that Prince to the Chinese ports, There is a doubt, if what we hear from Peking be correct, of the Czerewitch going to Chefoo, and the kind of official reception planned for him in Shanghai and elsewhere may undergo some significant modifications, as the Russian Government gets a clearer apprehension of the difference between a provincial and an imperial representation. The elaborate contrivances to make one thing look like another may therefore fail in the attainment of the object; and it may thus after all be the Autora Borealis that is distined to illuminate the imperial counsels of China,-Chinese Times.

THE EMEUTE IN PORTUGAL.

Nothing but hard bungling on one side and cal as it sounds, it is often the simplest that are | hard, energetic shooting on the other prevented the most difficult. All the representatives of the establishment the other day of another foreign countries who have been successful in | European republic, and the abolition of another

boiler, and the navy consists chiefly of one old scow, which is being eaten away by worms on a sand bank, and there is nothing left to beg or borrow or steal or confiscate from north to south and from east to west in all the mouldered, moth-devoured kingdom of the Bragauxis. That is to say, there is nothing but priests, and nebody wants to confiscate them, for priests are more common in Portugal than mud. It' hardly possible to swing an umbrella loosely in any part of the Portuguese territory without afterwards finding the eye of some hely father stuck on the end of it, and the individual who assaults six inhabitants in the dark is sure to be arrested next morning for smashing four preachers, one soldier, and a taxgatherer. As for the people in general, they work 14 hours a day and live on nothing in particular a week, and the amount they don't know is enormous, for there is not enough education in the country to teach the average Portuguese to know his own feet when he sees them. The Braganzas have systematically spent money and smothered education and bonned the Pope, and they have also been celebrated in another way, for they have bolted faster and further, whenever an enemy was in sight, than any other batch of monarchs in Europe. When Portugal is in a tight place the private soldier—the individual who is always kicked and never paid--is sent to the front, and the officers shove him on from behind, and the commander-in-chief escapes into a tree, and the king dives down into a hole and remains there till times improve. When-Spain and Portugal both get rid of their kings the two countries will probably unite and form a great and progressive nation, but they have been kept apart because neither of the kings would give up his miserable job, and so they have quarrelled and fought and bombarded each other's cities for the sake of two knock-kneed monarchs with fallen-in stomachs, who preferred to see their subjects quarrel and murder each other rather than run the risk of a coalition which would make one of them unnecessary For the last 70 or 80 years Britain has undertaken to back up the Portuguese monarch against all comers, and consequently the British Empire has a vested interest in the ignorant little spectre that Portugal is so anxious to get rid of. And, taking him all round, he is indeed a pleasant object for any democratic community to have an

A STUDY IN BROKEN CHINA.

The present, says a writer in the San Francisco Chronicle, is manifestly the age of dialect. Stories, sketches and poems attempt to reproduce sectional linguistic peculiarities, and to show that variety in speech as well as in other products is a marked feature of American civiliza tion, or the lack of it. The story writers hav ransacked the logging camps of Maine and the negro quarters of Mississippi, the shanties of Arkansas and the cabins of the Canadian frontier for specimens of dialect and patois, with varying success, for dialect is a tool which is not could not justify the course which has actually fitted to every handle, and the result is often been adopted. Does any one pretend that it more ridiculous than instructive or amusing,

In California they have an alien race, the Chinese, whose struggles with the English language would seem to present a fertile field to the student of dialect, but thus far, with the exception of a few local newspaper men, the Chinese version of their vernacular has not been mastered by any writer. On the contrary, many who have attempted it have made signal and to some mistakes which no one who ever

It is well known that the Chinese cannot master the sound of the letter "r," but this has proved the rock on which many professed writers of the Chinese dialect have come to grief. They do not recognize the fact that while John Chinaman cannot make the "r" sound he is fertile in expedients to avoid it Two illustrations will preceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific show how easy it is to blunder on this point. In altered, we believe, in later editions—he makes a Chinese servant call himself "Ah Ri," which is a ling at San Francisco for China or Japani for manifest impossibility. His name would certainly have been "Ah Li," for the initial "r" would not at all. But in the same or another story he makes a Chinaman call his employer "Mr. Fostel." his name being Foster. Now no "Chinese person," to quote the Restriction Act, would ever say " Fostel." He would soften the last syllable of the name and call it "Fostab," just as the name "Porter" in his mouth would become "Potah," very like the negro pronunciation of the same word,

The author of "A Summer in a Canyon" has given a very good example of the difficulties of the Chinese with the letter "r." She makes one of her heroines, a mischievous girl, select a reading lesson for the Chinese cook, who wants to learn English. The lesson was made up of such sentences as "The grass is green," "The vose is red" and the like. Of course, they became in Hop Sing's mouth "The glass is gleen," "The lose is led," and so on. The whole scene is an excellent study in broken China, and is commended to ambitious Eastern writers who want to try their hands at English as she is spoke by the Chinese in California.

The letter "j" is another which presents difficulties to John, which, however, he usually resolves by making it into "ch." It may be slightly exaggerated to say that Chinese scholars in Sunday school know the author and founder of the Christian faith as "Chee Cly," but it is not very far out of the way. An American in San Francisco, an interpreter of the Chinese language, whose given name is "Jerome," is usually known among the Chinese as "Chee Loam," they, perhaps, imagining that that is all the name that belongs to him.

It should be noted, too, that the Chinese in California do not use the lingua franca called " pigeon English," which is employed in China. Such an expression as "My b'long topside," meaning "I live higher up," is never heard there. The Chinese in that State try to talk English and some of them succeed fairly well, although the "r" and "j" are too much for them.

This is not an attempt at an exhaustive study of Chinese English, but rather a note of warning to ambitious dialect writers who have learned the dialect from books. If they will but bear "Belkley" in the Chinese tongue, but something resembling "Bahkley," they will be saved from blunders which make their sketches and stories rather ludicrous than humorous to those who are accustomed to the dialect.

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1st April, 1891.—At 4 p.m.

STATION. Wiedlyostock..... Teklo..... SE NNE Shonghal Applag Victoria Peak #9.80 70 #9.81 81 #9.76 84 Halphong Holingo Manila Cape St. James and April, 1891.—At, 10 a.m.

STATION. Wladienstock Douglas Steamship Company-\$48 per share, Hongkong Victoria Peak Holhow

> Cape St. James..... The barometer is falling. , Gradients rather steep for north east winds. Weather overcast, cool and slight rale. [Insued at

-Baromoter reduced to level of the sea In Inches, tenths and hundredths, w—Temperature in the shade in degrees, Fahrenhelt. 1—Humidity in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100. 4—Direction of the wind to two points. 1.—Force of the wind according to Beaufort scale. 6—State of the weather, 5 Blue sky, c Detached clouds, of Drizzling rain, / Fog. & Gloomy, & Hall, / Lightning, of Overcast, & Passing showers, of Squally, of Rain, a Snew, of Thunder, of Visibility, we Dew wet), y-Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

W. Dossacz.

Shipping.

Hongkong Observatory, 2nd April, 1891.

YUNG-CHING, Chinese steamer, 76r, J. P. Lowe, . 1st April,-Shanghai 27th March, General. -C. M. S. N. Co. RIVERSDALE, British steamer, 1,311, James

Mooney, and April,-Navasaki 28th March,

Coals,-Mitsu Bishi Colliery. "CLEARANCES AT THE HARROUR OFFICE. Haitan, British steamer, for Swatow, &c. Lancelot, British steamer, for Saigon. Memnon, British steamer, for Sandakan. Tritos, German steamer, for Wuhn, China, German steamer, for Yokohama, &c. Abner Coburn, American ship, for Ilollo. Kitty, British bark, for Mantung.

Tellus, Norwegian steamer, for Kutchinotza.

April, 1, Phra Chula Chom Klao, British str. for Swatow, &c. April 1, Toonan, Chinese str., for Whampoa. April 2. Coloma, American bark, for Portland

April 2. Parthia. British steamer, for Saigon. April 2, China, American str, for Yokohama, &c. April 2, Oriental, British str., for Singapore, &c. April 2, Hallan, British str., for Switow, &c. April 2, Ningho, German str., for Shanghai. April 2, Tritos, German str, for Wuhu.

PASSENGERS-ARRIVED. Per Yung-ching, str., from Shanghal.-36

Per Malwa, str., from Hongkong for Shanghal.-Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Wickham, Colonel and Mrs. Kennard, Messrs. M. Paquin, M. Master, Jehangir, Schroder, Graça, H. Howtram, and W. Read. From London.-Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Miss Mixon, Miss Belcher, Messrs. W. M. Beaucler and son, E. Swabe, E. M. Brockbank, and W. M. Steinthall. From Brindisi,-The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited-\$1 per Mr. F. W. Stayan. From Colombo.-Mr. Gon-

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Per Glenfruin, str., for Shanghai,-Mesars. A. Gillot, C. Bogler, R. A. Smith, Gruschwitz, and Fletchner. Per Glanogia, str., for London;-Mrs. Wales and family, Major-General Gordon and family.

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The British steamship Riversdale reports that she left Nagasaki on the 28th ultimo. Had light variable winds and calms.

The Chinese steamship Yung-ching reports that she left Shanghai on the 27th ultimo, Had light variable winds and calm with rain showers. Passed waterlog junk near Ockseu, north 180 west (mag.) about 18',

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morrow, the 3rd instant, at 11.30 4.16. For Kudat and Sandakan.-Per Memnen tomorrow, the 2rd instant, at 11.30 A.M. For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama. Per Ancona to-morrow, the 3rd instant, at 5.00 F.M. For Snigon, Singapore, Batavia, Samarang, and Sourabaya. Per Borner on Salurday, the

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For Europe, &c., &c.—Per Sachsen on Saturday, the 11th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

SRIPPING IN HONGKONG STEAMERS.

ABYSSINIA, British steamer, 2,348, J. Williamson, R.N.R., 1st April,-Saigon 27th March, Rice.—Kung Yuen. ANCONA, British steamer, 1,888, W. D. Mudie, 30th March, -Yokohama 21st March, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

BISAGNO, Italian steamer, 1,499, G. Orengo, 31st March,-Bombay 11th March, and Singapore 23rd, General .-- Carlowitz & Co. CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,057, F. W. Phillips. 30th March, Bangkok 21st March, and Koh-si-chang *3td. General.-Yuen Fat

DONAR, German steamer, 1,649, B. Grundmann, 15th March,-Cardiff 21st January, Coal,-Melchers & Co. EMPRESS OF INDIA, British steamer, . 5,904,

P. Marshall, 23rd March,-Berkinhead 8th Feb., General.—Adamson, Bell & Co. FAME, British steamer, 117, Chomley .- Hongkong Government tender. GHAZEE, British steamer, 1,764. A. Scotland, 31st March,-Salgon 27th March, General.

-Adamson, Bell & Co. HAILOONG, British steamer, 783, Bathurst, 1st April,-Tamsul 29th March, Amoy 30th, and Swatow 31st, General:-D. Lapraik

JAPAN, British steamer, 1,865, J. G. Olifent, 20th March,-Calcutta 12th March, Penang 10th, and Singapore 22nd, Oplum and General. - D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. ANCELOT, British steamer, 1,564, T. Thomas,

27th March,-Saigon 22nd March, Rice and Paddy.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. MEMMON, British steamer, 825, A. Dorff, 31st March, -Sandakan 27th March, General .--Butterfield & Swire.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani.— Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co. SIAM, British steamer, 991, John M. Tulloch, 31st March,-Singapore 27th March, General .- Chinese. SIKH, British steamer, 1,716, J. Rowley, 28th

March, -Saigon 24th March, Rice. -Adamson, Bell & Co. SWATOW, British steamer, 630, E. Hildebrand, S 27th March,-Whampon 27th March, General.-Melchers & Co. TAI-CHEONG, German steamer, 828, P. Duhme,

31st March,-Saigon 26th March, Rice.-TELLUS, Norwegian str., 1,948, J. Amundsen, 31st March,—Kutchinotzu 26th March, Coals,-Mitsul Bussan Kaisha. THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 3rd

December,-Talwanfoo 20th Nov., Amoy

1st December, and Swatow 2nd, General. D. Lapraik & Co. THANCE AV, Chinese steamer, 350, Wong Ling Sing, 11th Dec.,-Haiphong 27th Dec., Ballast.—Chinese.

MAILING VESSELS. ABNER COBURN, American ship, 1,980, G. H. Nicholls, 4th March,-New York 4th Oct., Kerosene Oil.—Order.

ADOLPH OBRIG, American bark, 1,376, F. Carleton, 5th March,-New York 31st August, Kerosene Oil,—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co. ARMENIEN, British bark, 1,007, F. W. Morse, 10th March,-New York 17th September. Petroleum.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. DOROTHEA, German bark, 620, H. F. Moeller,

—Siemssen & Co. ERLKORNIG, Chinese bark, 457, Oplum Examination hulk, Stonecutters' Island.-Chinese Customs.

25th March,—Hamburg 20th Oct., General.

GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, 1,497, J. F. Rowell, 11th March,-Newcastle, N.S.W., 19th January, Coal.—Order.

HEATHER BELL, British bark, 479, Thos. Huyd, 18th March,—Albany (W.A.), 2nd January, Sandalwood.—Siemssen & Co. EINRICH, Gérman bark, 923, F. H. Bannau, 22nd Feb.,-Hamburg 20th Sept., General. ---Carlowitz & Co.

JAPAN, Peruvian bark, 198, M. Janlia, 17th Nov.,—Callao (Peru) 30th August, General. -Gonsalves & Co. JENNY, American schooner, 47, Baade, 9th Jan.,

-Yap 26th December, Beche-de-mer.-Master. KETTY, British bark, 840; H. Wilson, 3rd March, -Singapore 31st January, Timber.-

Chinese. LANDSKRONA, British bark, 1,370, J. W. Boyd, 9th Jan.,-New York 31st July, Petroleum. -Jardine, Matheson & Co. LUCY A. NICKELS, American ship, 1,335, Chas.

M. Nichols, 20th Jan.,-Newcastle, Australia, 4th Dec., Coal.—Order. PENSHAW, British bask, 729. John Inokay,

18th Feb.,-Camagan (Philippines), 7th Feb, Timber.—Gibb, Livingston & Co. SARA MERSEDES, Peruvian schooner, 245, A Munistgin, 4th July,-Salgon 27th June, Rica.---Captain.

TARAPACA, British bark, 495, H. Kennett, 7th March,-Sandakan 23rd January, Timber. -Gibb, Livingston & Co.

WM. LE LACHEUR, British bark, 573, W. Auld, 7th March,-Honolulu 21st January, Iron. Copper, &c .- Wing Wo Chan & Co.

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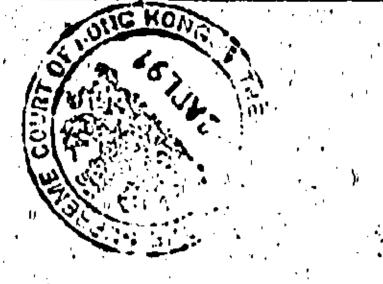
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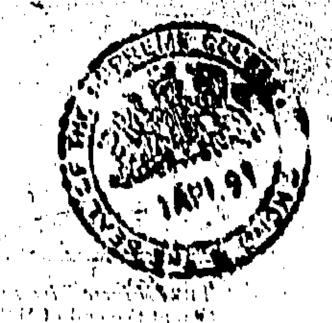
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HONGKONG, THUPSDAY, APRIL 2, 1891.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Refore Mr. Fielding Clarks, Puisne Judge.)

TSANG CHUNG v. WONG CHEUK NAM. This was an action in which the plaintiff claimed from the defendant, master of the Shing Throng carrienter's shop, Wollington Street \$72.79 as balance du : for building five omnibuses. and \$21.60 by reason of the defendant neglecting to supply necessary wooden materials, where-

without them being able to work. Mr. Hastings, of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon's office, appeared on behalf of the defendant, The plaintiff said be agreed to build five omnibuses for the defendant, who was to find all the necessary material and supply his workmen in fond. He had been several times stopped

through the defendant not supplying wood. Cross examined—It was mentioned at the commencement of the work that he was to pay \$4 for every day the workmen were idle. He did not sign any agreement in the book of work produced. All the men engaged on the work were employed by him, receiving a monthly payment of \$12. The buses were built in shops near the defendant's shop. He stopped work because he was in want of wood. The defendant supplied him with wood and on the 30th December he supplied him with some hardwood for the wheels. He

did not go into the defendant's godown for the wood. The defendant did not keep a stock of wood, he simply bought it when requested, Work was again stopped on the 4th January for want of teak and camphor wood. There had been no work done since the 25th February. The shop was closed on that date and some of the workmen had gone elsewhere and obtained work. He had never seen Mr. Denison, the architect, in the shop every day. He never told him that he was in want of wood. Much of the work was still uncompleted. He had never heard anything of a certain date being fixed for the completion of the buses. He did not know that the Omnibus Company wanted the buses made as soon as possible.

By his lordship—The work upon the omnibuses stopped on the 24th February. He worked at the buses from the 6th January to the 24th February without stoppage. Work was stopped from the 6th to the 13th February on account of Chinese New Year. He did not receive any note of complaint from the defendant. The defendant knew about there being no wood to proceed with the work.

Mr. Hastings said the defence was that a contract was signed between the plaintiff and defendant to build five ominbuses, the defendant supplying all the wood required. The plaintiff had stopped work on the 24th February and the buses were still uncompleted. The defendant as a set-off claimed \$80 for the non-completion of them according to contract, and also for work wet to be done to complete them.

Yu Cheung, foreman, employed by the defendant, said he looked after the building of the onimbuses. He saw the agreement produced signed by the defendant in their own shop, Under the contract the work was to be completed by the aist January last. The plaintiff was aware of that. The material was to be supplied by the defendant. He remembed some of the workmen leaving on the 30th December but the work was not stopped. He had large quantities of wood of allkinds, and the plaintiff could always obtain as much as he required. The plaintiff knew he kept a large stock of wood and had seen it on several occasions. The plaintiff had not completed the five wooden poles of the omnibuses because he had never applied to witness for the wood. There was wood suitable for turning for the wheels, but the plaintiff refused to take it. The plaintiff and his workmen left the work on the 27th February, returning on the 1st March for some money. At that time the buses were not finished and were still uncompleted. The plaintiff asked for \$50 on the 25th February, which witness refused to give him, and on the 1st March the defendant accepted \$30. He stopped work and refused to allow witness to obtain others to complete the work. He thought the uncompleted work would cost \$80. The defend-

ant had been over-paid. By the plaintiff-He never had he go to for the workmen was offered but refused when I of State for the Colonies, after debate in the he applied for them on the 25th February. He had never asked for wood on the 6th or oth of

By his lordship-He had seen the omnibuses, It would cost about \$1.20 each for poles, 80 cents for steps, \$4-to line the seats with cloth, \$6 each for completing the wheels, and \$1.20 for outting on each brake, making altogether \$13,20 for each omnibus. None of that work had been done to any of the omnibuses, besides which they needed plaining and smoothing. That made up the set-off of \$80. The plaintiff had received the whole amount except \$72 for the building of the buses. He had often complained to the defendant about the work. Witness himself was under a contract to finish the buscs by Chinese New Year,

A. Denison, architect and surveyor, said he had seen the work in connection with five omnibuses | protest, which ran as follows :-in Wellington Street. He used to go once a week, The Shing Loong had always plenty of suitable | of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, desire wood. He had never seen the work stopped for to place on record our emphatic protest against the want of wood. No complaints were ever, the re-vote of the sum of \$123,870,96 originally made to him, Work was stopped in toto about | voted by this Cou-ci! on the 19th day of March, the 25th February. He last saw the buses | 1800, as an addition to the Military Contribution about the end of last month, at which time they | payable by the Colony for the year 1890, and were not completed. He had seen plenty of which, not having been disbursed within the wood suitable for poles in the Shing Loong shop | financial year, has necessarily been again suband also for the steering bars.

His lordship said he would exclude the set-off | constitutionally authorized or made. in the case as he considered the plaintiff had ... We protest against this re-vote on the been fully paid for the work he had done. He following, among other, grounds: was perfectly satisfied that the plaintiff had signed | That this addition to the Military Contribuan agreement, which he denied doing, and tion was originally demanded on the sole ground he was satisfied with the evidence of the defend. I that the garrison of the Colony was about to be ant's witness who said he saw the plaintiff sign | largely increased. No other grounds for the it. The agreement set forth that a number of increase were even hinted at in the Secretary of things were to be done for the completion of five | Sinto's despatch, and he goes so far as to explain omnibuses by the 31st January, 1891, and that I how the additional amount demanded had been the plaintiff was to pay \$4 for every day that the arrived at, solely by a comparison of the numbers buses remained in an uncompleted state after of the then existing and of the intended future that date, according to the agreement the garrison.

Disintiff was not entitled at all to any money 3. That the additional Military Contribution done and he (his lordehip) thought what work setting force was required for the efficient adjourned till the gra lord.

had been done had been fully satisfied. The plaintiff said he had b en stopped for wood and had had to keep his workmen in food during the time, but he had told a 'le about' the agreement and also about the wood, as Mr. Denison said there was plenty of wood and that no delay could therefore ensue through that, and his evidence was not to be believed. The defendant said that the buses still required \$80 worth of work to complete them and he had specified the articles wanted. He believed that \$80 worth of work was still required, and as the plaintiff admitted having received all the money, less \$72, he had been paid all he was entitled to. If the question had been settled on a point of law, the plaintiff of State for the Colonies accepted the vote as would not have been entitled to anything until contract had been completed. Judgment for the

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION,

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.)

March 31st.

defendant with costs.

THE HONGKONG MARINA COMPANY. The hearing for a petition asking for a compulsory order of the Court to wind up the Marina

Company was resumed this morning. Mr. A. J. Leach, instructed by Messrs. by plaintiff had to keep his workmen in food | Holmes and Rodyk, appeared for the Hongkong Trading Company, and two other creditors Mr. G. J. Phillippo, instructed by Messes. Denuys and Mossop, appeared on behalf of Tam Tsoi, a creditor; and Mr. Pollock,

instructed by Messrs. Caldwell and Wilkinson,

appeared on behalf of the Hongkong Marina Company to oppose the application. case nothing had been done till the 28th of the examined the question from the point of view present month when a meeting of the shareholders was held to pass a resolution to wind up | his address to the Council on the 19th March the Company voluntarily. The position he would | instant. take was, that he was willing to take a provisional order and do nothing till the Company held a meeting and passed the resolution to wind up, He thought it would be best to adjourn the case for another week to see what the Company

His lordship said he could not make a compulsory provisional order until the Company had passed a resolution to wind up. There was

nothing before him as the case stood. Mr. Phillippo said he did not ask for a long adjournment. He was present to ask his lordship for a compulsory winding up of the Company. Nothing had been done, and the sharehelders had no intention of doing anything, and he thought they ought to be made to do something or other.

His lordship said Mr. Phillippo had changed his ground . At the last hearing he opposed the application of Mr. Leach, and now he was for a compulsory winding up of the Company, while Mr. Leach this time was not.

Mr. Phillippo said the Company had done nothing in the meantime, and he represented a large creditor. Mr. Leach asked his lordship to make the

order now and they would suspend it until such time as the Company had arranged to do some-Mr. Pollock asked for an adjournment and agreed with Mr. Leath's remarks at the opening

of the present hearing, that an adjournment now be made until the Company had passed the resolution to wind up. His lordship said he thought the proposition of Mr. Leach was best. There was to be a

meeting of the Company on Friday and he would adjourn the case. Mr. Leach-I understand you make an order.

His lordship said he did not; he only adjourned the hearing subject to the Company having a meeting, or sine die.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE

COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on the 25th ulto. There were present :-His Excellency the Governor, Sir G. William des Vœux, K.C.M.G., (President); Mr. W. M. Deane, C.M.G., (Acting Colonial Secretary); Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer); Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General); Mr. S. Brown (Surveyor-General); Messrs. P. Ryrie, T. H. Whitchead, Ho Kai, and J. J. Keswick, (unofficial members), and Mr. A. M. Thomson, Clerk of Councils.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

PROTEST AGAINST THE MILITARY (EXTRA) CONTRIBUTION

Mr. Ryrie said that in accordance with notice given by him at the last meeting, that he and his unofficial colleagues would forward to the Secretary of State a formal and emphatic protest, he braged to hand to his Excellency a protest signed by all the un-official members and Kewloon to obtain wood, for him. The wages | asked that it be at once forwarded to the Secretary

Mr. T. H. Whitehead in rising to second the honorable member's proposal, said-I desire to express my protest against the attempt made by your Excellency to shift the ground of debate and against the anathy and indifference of the Official Members of the Council, not one o whom has taken part in the discussion on this important question. And-

His Excellency—What is this protest? Mr. Ryrie-Against the re-vote for military

contribution.

His Excellency—There can be no occasion for debate. If it is not in discespectful terms there can be no question for debate. It is respectful; is it not? Mr. Ryriewil hope so

His Excellency then took up and read the We, the undersigned, the Un-official Members mitted to the Council before payment can be

until the completion of the contract, but the was proposed in this Council, discussed and plaintiff had received money for what he had voted solely on the ground that an increased

defence of the Colony, and that the amount asked for was reasonable in view of the proposed

3. That, however deferentially the resolutions were worded, the ad 'itional military contribution' was granted by this Conneil upon the faith of an express promise that the garrison should be increased and upon the condition that the money should not be demanded or paid unless there was an increase in the strength of the military firees stationed here, and in proportion to that increase.

4. That, as evidenced by the published despatches, the Officer Administering the Government and the Right Honourable the Secretary conditional and as hased on the promise of and dependent on the presence of a largely, increased

5. That, during the year 1890, there was no addition made to the strength of the forces stationed in Hongkong; no preparations for such increase; no evidence of any real intention ever to grant the increase, and no reason is now assigned for the failure of Her Majesty's Government to keep the promise made to the colony,

6. That the promise not having been kept, the condition not having been observed, the vote fell to the ground and the non-payment of the money voted was just and proper and to be approved of by this Council.

7. That if Her Majesty's Government had on the morning of the 30th. frankly recognised the right of the Council to treat the vote of last year as inoperative for the reasons above stated, and had applied to the Council for an additional Military Contribution for 1800, on general grounds and irrespective of any increase in the Garrison, the Un-official Members would have given every consideration Mr. Leach said since the list hearing of the to the appeal and would have impartially presented by His Excellency, the President i

8. That this very proper and reasonable course has not been adopted; that the Right Honobrable the Secretary of State for the Colonies in his telegram and despatch of the tath February last demands payment as o intended doing, as nothing had been done as | money due on the footing of the original vote that the matter was brought before the Finance Committee of this Council as a re-vote and that all discussion was stiffed and all time for consideration refused on the ground that it was only a re-vote and that further discussion, if not absolutely forbidden, was a mere waste of time that the re-vote, (carried in the Financial Committee simply by the casting vote of the Chair man), came before this Council for confirmation on the same looting, and that the Un-official Members are within their right in re'us'ng now to allow the vote to be supported on 'grounds other than those on 'which it was originally

o. The Un-official Members therefore protest against this re-vote, forced through Council in apposition to their views and to the views and opinions of the vast majority of the colonists and they protest against the payment of the money so voted and against the action of the Imperial Government in demanding the money when the promises on the faith of which it was granted have not been fulfilled.

Legislative Council Chambers. Hongkong, 19th March, 1891.

(Signed) P. Ryrie. C. P. CHATER. J. J. Keswick.

LT.-H.-Whitehead. INFORMATION WANTED.

would ask the subjoined questions at the next méeting, and in a discussion which ensued on the subject of his motion relative to the inability of this colony to pay increase of official salaries in view of the increased military contribution, stated that he would not push the motion until he had received the information which would be forthcoming at the next meeting. The questions run thus;-

(r). What was the total expenditure of the Government under the head of salaries for the years 1887, 1888, 1880 and 1800, and what is the estimated total expenditure for the current year under the same heading on the basis of the increased pay and allowances recommended by I this Council? .

(2). What was the total expenditure on the public works department in the years 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1890, for solaries and wages; and what is the estimated expenditure under the same heading for the current year on the public works department and water and drainage department

(3). How is it that there has been no meeting of the Public Works Committee appointed in October last ?

(4). Does the Government intend to give effect to the recommendation of the Un-official Members in their addenda of the 20th December 1890 to submit to the Public Works Committee full details and estimates of all public

(5) What arrangements have been made for examining and checking accounts sent to the Treasury for payment, and have any difficulties arisen since the new system of audit was introduced, in checking and examining accounts for payment :

(6). What are the duties of the Treasury Department and the Treasurer, under the new organization of that department?

THE " NAMOA " PIRACY.

Mr. J. J. Keswick asked :-- Will the Government inform the Council whether, in view of the piracy of the Namoa in December last, any steps have been taken for special Police supervision of native passengers embarking on steamers, and if not is it the intention of the Government to adopt any measures whatever?"

In reply both the Governor and Acting Colonial Secretary stated that special measures two months. The Chinese authorities at Canton. miscreants who pirated the Namout and as the the moonlight as one of the party. The Imperial Government had adopted extreme repressive measures he had reason to believe that it would be very many years before there would be my likelihood of a repetition of the Namoa disaster, if at all, Ho felt fully justified in taking the extreme measures he had adopted of late and believed in their magistrate who tried the case had him so efficacy, for they could only tend to purge the Colony of notorious criminals who found in this island a safe refuge, and who, while here, had no happarent means of carning an honest livelibood.

PASSED THIRD READING. A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the

Printers and Publishers Ordinance, 1886," passed the second and third readings, without opposition. THE CAMBLING ORDINANCE.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OUR contemporary the Bangkok Times confiently predicts a most flourishing tuture for

THE Shen pag says that the Formosa rallway has at last been completed and is doing a brisk

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending March 20th, are: -Europeans 180, and Chinese 1,910; total 2,096.

THE British barque Hedrig has finished her

career on the briny. She was towed up the Min

giver to Foochow the other day to be broken up, Chinese having bought her for \$2,250. SEVERAL correspondents, passengers by the Empress of India, have written to us, staling that the Shameen Hotel, Canton, is the most

comfortable hotel they have visited since leaving England. THE German squadron, consisting of the cruisers Leipzig, flagship, Alexandrine and Sophie was "ue at Woosung on the 26th ulto. Admiral Valois was to have sailed thence to Nanking

MR. E. W. MAITLAND, the Hon, Trensurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital, acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital :- "Ridden," \$:0: Mesars. Grossmann & Co., \$50; and Messrs. Lane.

Crawford & Co., \$100.

IT is reper ed that a dry dock, which will be the largest in Russia, is in course of construction at the port of Vlad vostock. This, it is expected! not only save cost of repairs in foreign ports. but, will enable some part, at least, of the Russian Pacific Squadron to winter at its base.

THE Singapole Chinese Advisory Board met in he Chinese Protectorate on March 20th when was unanimously adopted-"That the Board igrees in every respect with the protest made by he official and unofficial members of the Legisative Council, and the chief speakers at the late public meeting, against the large increase to the military contribution demanded by the Home

SOUADRON of Japane e men-of-war, consisting of the Takachiho, Takao, Katsuragi, and Yamato, arrived at Nagasaki from Sasebo a few days since, after having taken part in a mavalreview there. They appear to have been more fort mate than on the occasion of the last review, none of the ships engaged having sustained any serious injury. Thry are expected to leave shortly for Kagoshima, and will return about the end of April, in order to be present during the Czarewitch's visit, Prince Arisugawa, Captain of the Takao, having been appointed to represent the Navy on that occasion. "

THE sea scrpent, or his ghost, or something, has lately been alarming the Celestial inhabitants of Hangchow. A native paper relates that a large sea cel lately made its appearance in the Chientanga river outside Hangchow, having probably floated in with the tide. It was over 20 feet in length and looked scaly and shiny it the sun. The people gathered about the banks to view the dragon, as they called it; the news travelled far and wide, and thousands upon thousands gathered to see the fabulous monster. Mr. T. H. Whitehead gave notice that he | Some old fisherman, however, explained that it was only a sea cel, and the crowd dispersed, with a roar of laughter, as quickly as they assembled.

A CERTAIN epidemic is, says the Hupao, now raging in Kansu Its symbtoms are headache, fever and ague, vomiting and weakness. Those attacked must at once resort to medical aid or death would result in a few days. The poor, who cannot afford to pay for treatment, are dying rapidly, and the authorities are exerting themselves to provide charitable treatment with medicines free of cost, Some superstitious people believe that the god who transmits messages in such a mysterious manner is at the bottom of the whole thing, and to appeare it they offer wine, food, incense and paper money to the te'egraph poles, and prostrate themselves in front of them praying for forgiveness and indulgence. No cures effected through such means have yet been reported.

JAPANESE, named Suzuki Magojuro, has according to the Mainichi Shimoun, succeeded in emulating the feats of the foreign balloonists who have recently visited Japan. On the 11th ulto an ascent was made in a balloon Tokyo, the dimensions of which were 48 ft. by 48 ft. It was made of calico, painted red, green and yellow, and resembled Spencer's balloon in every important particular. Punctually at 4 p.m. on the day in question Suzuki left the ground. amid the applause of numerous spectators, clad in a red cloth suit of foreign cut and with a black shocting cap on his head. Having reached the height of about 3,500 feet, he left the balloon and descended by means of the parachute, alighting in, the middle of a lotus-pond, which had more mud in it than water, about half s mile from the place of ascent. Bespattered from head to foot with mud, but proud of his triumph Japan's first neronaut appeared before his audience to receive their hearty congratulations. THE following case, which has been reported

by the Governor of Hunan, furnishes another

law. Yang An-jon, a native of that province, seduced the wife of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second second series of his nephew and was severely | Messrs. J. Dunlop and Sons, And the second reproached for his conduct by another member | new another member | new and the member | new and the member | new another member | new arrived on the scene immediately after the deed deceased also before his death deposed that he had been struck by Yang Au-jen. The man was arrested by the elders of the clan and forwarded to the crime, but later on he retracted his previous magistrate was descended by his superior officer.

WE understand that, some delay in starting the new Chinese-owned stenmer Tai-on on the night; service between here and Canton has been caused by the refusal of the Hongkong Government to grant a license to persons who are not British sulject . It seems that the whole of the partners concerned in this enterprise are Chinese, and that they were not aware of the difficulty raised by the authorities. However, the trouble

Quite a series of festivities are to attend the departure from Shanghai of the Chief Justice and the Consul-General at that place. On the 26th ulto at the Shanghai Olub Sir Richard Rennie and Mr. Hughes were the guests of a representative body of British residents, and the day before they were to be entertained by the Thotal and Hsien at a foreign dinner at Chang Su-hols garden, Bubbling Well Road. On April 2nd a intewell dinner will be given to Sir Richard Rennic by the Bar. State of

is only a minor one and can easily be got over.

THE Czarewitch arrived at Bangkok on the roth ulto, and was received in grand style by the King of Siam, who was attended by the Crown Prince and a brilliant suite. On arriving at the Palace the Imperial visitor was invested with the order of the Chakra Kri, the royal Siamese mily other of the present dynasty. Prince George of Greece receiving the first-class order of the White Elephant. An official dinner given he the King in honour of his guest was affende l'by the diplomatic representatives of Great Britain, Germany and the United States.

THE Foachorn Echo reports that an unknown yen on behalf of his religion contrasts, strongly, sickness is now prevailing amongst the natives with the lukewarmness too often displayed by of that place and that hundreds of them have | Europeans on behalf of a creed which they deem fallen victims to it. It is said to begin with so much superior. But purity of form of worship swelling of the feet which gradually rises up to | does not necessarily include increased, devoutthe knees, where acure pain begins and the victim is dead in ten minutes, the whole body turning black. We believe the report to be genuine as it was related to us by men of good authority. Influenza, small-nox, and this new sickness have already carried thousands of them away from this world to, let us hope, spheres tha are brighter.

SINCE the first telegraph line was crected China the wires have been carried through twelv provinces. Lately the province of Kansu has been connected with the telegraph centres and the provincials express much wonder at the rapidity with which the messages are transmitted In their ignorance they think that telegrams are written on sheets of paper and these sheets pasover the wires. When the working commenced on the Kansu line crowds of people gathered round the telegraph poles to see the message sheets travel over the wire. Of course, quaintly observes anative paper, they had only disappoint ment for their trouble.

IT is not often, says the Shanghai Mercury, that the Chinese local authorities toke any interest in the goings or comings of Foreign officials, and we LARGE quantities of rice are now being shipped;

is entirely made of brass and copper, ports and our "isle of fragrant streams" The edifice which is termed the "Copper palace" have availed themselves of as an opportunity is part of the Yuen Ming Yuen. The building | for raising the tariff about 20 per cent. above is generally shut up, and is highly prized by the what it was barely three weeks ago. Trade present Emperor. A guard watches the palace | generally in Chinese circles is improving and, night and day, but recently some ingenious barring accidents, there can be but little doubt thieves managed to gain access to the Copper that the lessons some of our native fellow. Palace and stole same valuable ornaments from the building, also removing a great number of copper tiles from the roof, as well as some small beams. After this the thefts of lead from Victioria College are very small potatoes indeed.

IT would seem that there is to be another of those periodical fits of trouble from which Korea has suffered for years past. The French gunboat Asple lest Shanghai a few days since without baving let her destination become known but it has now transpired that "she" cleared for the peninsular kingdom. A recent Japanese exchange also informs us that five Japanese men-of-war have suddenly been despatched to the same quarter. It is also understood that several telegrams have been received in Shanghal during the past week from the "Land of the morning calm," to the effect that affairs there looked rather stormy, and that trouble of some kind was brewing.

ulto. of the total loss of the steamer Queen Elisabeth on Ikesima, an island some twenty miles from Nagasaki, at midnight of the 20th. She was bound from Karatzu with coals to the

Count Ito sald be was going to Chine

If the Hubao may be believed, the mint at Canton has been re-opened and work will be pushed on with great activity.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

THE Shanghal Horse Barant Co., Ld., have realized a net profit for the past, year, of tacks 0,6 9 77. The Directors recommend a final dividend of 5 per cent, which, with the interline dividend paid last November, makes to per cent: for the year-a very handsome return for a isafe investment.

THE Russians at Hankow—a great stronghold of the Russkies-are making elaborate, preparations for the recep? not the son and heir of the White Czar: No Nihilists have yet appeared to dim the sunshine of the Czarewitch's holiday tour, but we learn from reliable sources that fears are entertained of some possible trouble, and that in consequence every precaution has been

How strong a hold Buddhism retains on the rank and file of the Japanese may be gathered says the Hyogo News, from the fact that an idol is just being completed at the temple of Nosukuji. Hyogo. This monstrous symbol of a worn-out creed, will measure 54 ft, in height including its pedestal, and will cost 50,000 yen and upwards-1 Mr. Nanjo, a local paper manufacturer, having guaranteed the sum... To duly commemorate the auspicious event of this lump of bronze being finished, an eight-days' festival will be held. There is evidently ample room for the progress of civilization and Christiantly in Japan, though. the zeal which inspires a man to spend 50,000 ness.

AT the Supreme Court on the 31st ulto, the Registrar, Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, held a meeting of the creditors of Loung Ah Yon, Messrs, Ewens, & Reece represented the petitioning creditor, who was absent. The bankrupt, in the course of his examination, said he had no property in Singapore. He had a shop in Penang, but a distraint for rent was made upon it last year. There was about \$10,000 due to the estate in Penang, which Lam Lau Shang, who was at present carrying on the business, was collecting. He could not give a list of the debtors, as all his account-books were in, Penang.. Lui Leung Pau owed him \$3,000, which was a good debt. His property in Gough-Street was worth \$5,600, but it was mortgaged for \$6,400. He had over \$20,000 owing to him, amongst which was \$2,000 by Mr. Webber, solicitor, and \$1,000 by Fai Chung. Mr. Ackroyd adjourned the further hearing of the case for a fortnight, in order that some of the bankrupt's creditors might make an examination of the books furnished to ascertain if it was an honest bankruptcy.

are therefore glad to learn, as an instance of the | hence to Japan, where a scarcity is said to exist, high esteem in which the present British Chief owing to the partial failure of last autumn's. Justice and the Consul-General are held by the crops in several large agricultural districts. The leading local officials, that H.E. Nich Taotai; demand for Japan, added to the large transport; the Shanghai Hsien, Mr. Lok; and the Mixed of the staple of Oriental life now going on Court Magistrate, Mr. Tsai, are making arrange- from the Yangtsze grain ports, has tended to ments to give a farewell dinner to Sir Richard send up all grades of rice both here and at Rennie and Mr. P. J. Hughes. The act is a Canton. "Firsts" are now realising \$2.40 to graceful tribute to the two retiring officials, and | \$7.45 per picul/while "seconds" and "thirds" we are sure it will be appreciated not only by the lare standing firm at \$2.33 and \$2.14 per -recipients of the compliment, but by all picul, respectively. Running counter with the rise in the price of rice in this locality there is an advance in Bangkok and Szigon THERE is an ancient temple in Peking, freight quotations, which the wily Chinese from the Ming dynasty, which charterers of steamers running between thoseresidents bought so dearly during the summer; madness that prevailed throughout the Colony during '89 and the early part of 1800. has had a wholesome effect in more ways than one, and is fairly certain to result in a healthier tone: From Fatshan reports are to hand of several failures, one highly respected firm going under for a sum variously estimated at between 30,000 and 50,000 dollars. These failures, however, are attributed to difficulties incurred in: meeting creditors at the Chinese New Year settling day, and not to any falling off in trade since the commencement of the new year. THE Southow: correspondent of our Shanghai

morning contemporary writes on March 20th;-

The Soochow people have just had exhibited to

them one of the terrible tragedies that are the inevitable outcome of the way in which they live. Last night about nine o'clock fire broke out in the street that runs in front of the great pagoda, in a house that extended from the street Naws was received in Shanghai on the 23rd back to the canal, a distance of 70 or 80 feet, In front, egress was stopped by the flames, and the canal made escape from the rear impossible. Six persons were burned to death. They were sleeping on the second floor of the building that consignment of Smith. Bell & Co. .. It is believed | stood on the edge of the canal. One woman, to that she must have struck the rocks either at night | whom life was dear, kept her wits well enough or in dense fog. The captain, it is stated, was to enable her to slide down a bamboo pole and a stranger to Japanese waters and left Shaughai | rush out of the front door in time to save her life. without a pilot, and it is supposed he was trying | Your readers have doubtless heard of the to make his way out of Nagasaki without one bride in Africa whose trousseau was merely when the accident occurred. All the crew were the smile that she wore. This poor woman saved and were expected at Nagasaki'on Monday | did not ever wear that much. Three magisterial last. The Queen Elizabeth was a steel screw districts centre in Soochow. The magistrates steamer of 2,507 tons, 300 feet long, and of 250 appeared unon the scene soon after the slarm of instance of the admirable simplicity of Chinese | horse-power. She was built in 1885 and classed | fire was given, and in a short time the street 100 Az under special survey, and was owned by gates on either side of the huming houses were each guarded by a magistrate, and none but firemen were allowed to pass. Nortwithstanding of the family, named Yang Chih-shu, who THE Flyu Shimbun of the 12th ultimo the efforts of the magistrates the things saved brought the woman back to her home and for- publishes an interesting note, giving Count Ito's from the flames were carried off by the crowd, for the prompt deportation of dangerous criminals bade all intercourse between the pair in future, views on the relationship of China and Japan. whom nothing could prevent from stealing. The from this Colony had already been put Yang An-jan was so incensed at this that he It seems that on the roth ulto, a friend of people in the cities as well as the boatmen on in force and resulted in a good many, determined to have his revenge, and arranged Count Itagaki?) asked him to explain the rivers and the peasants along their banks fearing that they would be banished for a. with some friends to waylay Yang Chih-shu why he wished to go to China. Briefly put, make one think of wolves which devour their. number of years, clearing out during the past and murder him. The murdered man's wife Count Ito replied that it was of vast importance fellows as soon as they fall. The horrible and at the present juncture that Japan and China infamous conduct of the Chinese on the occasion. his Ex. said, have captured 30 out of the 40 | was committed and recognised Vang An-jen in | should be on friendly terms with each other. of the burning of the steamer Shanghaf on the From ancient times the two countries had been | Yangtzse, and the pitiless, selfish greed shown by most friendly, but the Formosan affair and the the masses of the people during an ordinary city Loo-Choo trouble had caused great estrange. fire reveal to us what the Chinese really are. They ment between them, and now they regarded each | seem to a careless observer to be a law-abiding. for trial to the authorities. At first he confessed other as enemies. Even in the case of the quiet, civilised people, and such they are orpresent excitement about Tel, more than half | dinarily by reason of fear of punishment. But testimony, and pleaded his innocence. The of it was caused by the hostile feeling existing there is no basis of moral principle underlying between the two nations. The present political | their conduct. Give them the opportunity, and severely beaten that, being a weak man, he situation in the East points to a great struggle | they show that when the danger of detection. succumbed to the effects of the torture. The between Russia and England. At such a time, and punishment is removed, there is nothing Japan's only safety lies in keeping friendly with | within to restrain them from acting like ravenous the Prefect, and an investigation was ordered | China, & Should Russia assume jurisdiction over | wild beasts, | I heard recently a story which into all the circumstances; of the case, The Cores, neither China nor Japan. could afford to | throws a lurid light, upon the character of the result is that the magistrate is held not to have remain quiet. This is the supreme reason for people among whom we dwell. A family of exceeded the law in applying the toritre to a Japah's maintaining friendly relations with great wealth suddenly found one day; that their prisoner who had previously confessed to the China. It is no easy thing, however, to restore | elegant thome: was wrapped in flames, w Father commission of a capital offence. He is considered, friendship which has once been interrupted. and son quickly called all the family together, however, as deserving of blame for not having The Government can only do a limited amount rushed out of the door and deliberately locked sent a full and immediate reports of the case to in this direction. Private individuals must up the premises. They knew that they could After a lot of profitters, discussion on the pro- his superipre and is handed over to the Board of render assistance, and with the object of trying lave next to nothing, for what they might wrest posed new Gambling Ordinance, the Council Punishment for the determination of a fluing to discover some method of bringing this about, from the flames would be taked by their fellows

THE Chinese Times of Tientsin ceases publication at the end of March.

THE Portuguese gunboat Diu, Commander A. Gomes, arrived at Macao on the 24th ulto, from

WE are glad to observe that the Governor's health has greatly improved of late. Excellency was playing golf last Friday afternoon with all the enthusiasm of a youth.

MR. E. W. Maitland, Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital, acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital :-S. B. Bhabba \$25; A Parsee

THE Inpanese cruiser Chiyoda, Captain Aral, arrived here on the 27th ulto, from the Clyde. The Chiyoda is of 2,450 tons, with engines of 6,000 horse-power, and a crew of 131 men.

THE Formosa, Capt. J. Lewis, is to take the place of the Ill-fated Nansing on Messrs. Jardine. Matheson & Co.'s Hongkong-Manila line, and left for Manila, via Amoy, at daylight on the

THE officers and crew of the steamship Strathendrick, which foundered after collision with the Devonhurst off Sourabaya, a short time since, arrived at Singapore on the 16th ulto. by the Dutch steamer Sri Bandjar, and are at present staying at the Sailors' Home at that place.

THE Hyogo News learns from a private source that the Strathearn has not been lost after all. She ran short of coal on the trip across, and after burning everything combustible on board, had to resort to sailing powers, and arrived at San Francisco in four months. Provisions must have been scarce by the time she passed through the Golden Gate.

THE China Merchants' steamer Klaupkwan. after having undergone a thorough overhaul by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. resumed running between here and Canton last Tuesday. Her pilgrimage, so far, has not been a profitable one, and consequently the rates for the Chinese deck passengers have been raised to twenty cents and for the Chinese saloon to fifty cents.

LATEST reports from Acheen state that the fighting between the Dutch and Achinese troops was renewed on the 10th and 11th ulto. and that the losses of the latter were very heavy. The Dutch had four men killed and fourteen wounded, all of whom were non-commissioned officers and privates. The Achinese offered a stubborn resistance and fought with considerable bravery considering the nature of their arms. Further fighting is expected.

THE colony has rarely, if ever, been in a more depressed state than at present. Complaints are heard on every side as to the tightness of money, the slackness and unremunerative character of trade, and the general "bust-up" condition of everybody and everything. It is to be hoped this is another case of the darkest hour before the dawn! The coming summer certainly not of a promising character for the busy hees of Hongkong; but the drones are well provided for.

IT is reported that the M. M. stramer Caledonien. which left here, homeward bound, on the 11th is a good one and deserving of all support. ulto, met with a slight mishap while entering the Salpon River. It appears that she ran foul of the U. S. ship Africa which was lying at anchor in the river off Cape St. James at the time. but no great amount of damage was done. Some of the yards were brought down on deck, one or two boats were smashed, and a portion of the rigging carried away, otherwise the vessel was uninjured.

An incident of rather a sad nature occurred in Singapore on the 17th ulto, which bears a 1876, and on his return to London rejoined the moral that should at all times be remembered. those who carry fire-arms. It appears that a Mr. Allen, a passenger on the steamer Prometheus. en route to Manila, was cleaning a revolver, and apparently being unaware that it was loaded. caused it to go off, The bullet entered his side, glanced off a rib, and then went completely through his body. At the time it was thought that the results would not be of a serious nature, but the wounded man was removed to the hospital where he died the following morning, Mr. Allen, it is said, hailed from Liverpool.

A BAND of Chinese pirates consisting of four hundred men recently invaded the repi in around Dontrieu and passing through the military station of Dabec on to Chingai and Comanh. established themselves a miles from the Seven Story Pagoda where they pillaged the village of Langhuni, carrying off about twenty of the unfortunate inhabitants. The approaches to the provinces of Bac-ninh and Haidzuong and the banks of the Rapid Canal where the guns are fired, are guarded in broad daylight by the pirate chief named Doc-Khanh, who is, according to the Courrier d'Haibhong, also connected with several other smaller bands holding their retreat in the vicinity of Tanh-lam.

AT Freemasons' Hall last night (25th ulto.) the United Lodge of Mark Master Masons was formed and consecretated, Wor. Bro. L. Mallory, deputed by the Grand Lodge, performed the ceremony, assisted by Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gourdin, and afterwards installed Bro. William Baker, as W. M. of United Lodge, No. 419, E. C., for the ensuing year. Wor. Bro. Baker invested the following office bearers :-

I,P.M	. L. Mallory
S.W Bro	o. I. Bryant
J.W	T. Spafford
	W. Quincey
5.O "	W.T.Bevan H.A.Shirazee
Registrar of Marks	W. Bidgood
Registrar of Marks	
Secretary	J. White
S.D "	W. Robinson
J.D	
I.G	S. T. Moore
Tyler	J. Maxwell

News is to hand of a sharp engagement between the Dutch and Achinese troops, which occurred on the oth ulto. It appears that the commander | THE Shimpo asserts that although the visit of the of the Kebupa Doia fort resolved to clear the jungle around his position and, for the protection ordinary globe-trotting tour, the actual object of the men engaged in this work, directed an officer to proceed overnight to occupy a deserted the military preparations of that country Achinese post beyond the belt of jungle pro- especially on its northern frontier consequently posed to be cleared, named Kandal, which was | military officers and engineers are attached to about 1,800 yards beyond the lines. The Achinese, his suite. His visit will, extend to the coast however, appear to have got wind of the affair, ports in the provinces of Kiushiu, as, well and early in the morning surrounded their as Shikoku, Chugoku, Tokaldo, and Tokyo. disused post, thus cutting off the detachment. After a short stay in the capital. In order to effect their relief, Captain Wicheren, he will travel overland to Nilgata, whence the commander of the position, attacked the he will proceed to the Hokkaido in a enemy, and in the encounter which ensued was man-of-war. After an observation of this island. killed. Troops then coming up from Kota Raja, he will proceed to 'Vladivostock, where he will a general engagement ensued, which lasted the make an inspection of the Siberian railway whole day, the result being that the Achinese I route, and then start for thome. Another foss. On the Dutch side Captain Wicheren and tour seems rather made in order to display gipelyates were killed, and Lieut. Kessler and to Russia's influence in the Olient, than for the others; wounded. At 9 p.m. the troops returned purpose of observing the military resources of to Kota Raja, but the next morning proceeded the various countries to be visited, therefore, it ferocite with his brother officers, his visit is not an ordinary one.

MR. C. P. Chater sailed for Europe in the Natal. at noon, on the 25th ulto. We hope that the sun will still continue to rise in the East, and that the little world of Hongkong will wag on as

THE officers and men of H.M.S. Imperieuse, Fireband and Porpoise were paid-off this afternoon (March 29th), and will leave for England in the Tamar about the 10th proximo. The three first named vessels will be re-commissioned on

THE P. & O. steamer Ventila, from Singapore. was quarantined here on the 24th ulto. immediately upon her arrival owing to a case of smallpox having occurred amongst the Lascar portion of the crew. She was released from quarantine on the 25th by order of the Health Officer.

THE March settlements on the local Share Market are stated to have been arranged most satisfactorily, notwithstanding the confident predictions of "the talent" to the contrary. We hope this report is strictly true, but must confess to feeling somewhat sceptical. Time will show.

H.M.S. Alacrity, Commander C, H. Adair, arrived this afternoon (28th ulto.) from Manila, with Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick W. Richards. the new Commander-in-chief of the China Station. on board. The Mercury, Commander C. J. Balfour, also arrived here this afternoon from Manila!

It is expected that the new Chinese-owned craft, with capital accommodation for native passengers, and will doubtless prove a public convenience on the river. Whether she will pay her owners or not, is quite another question. But that is of little moment in these days of universal philanthropy.

The steamship Nanzing, stranded on the Lema Islands, has become a total wreck and will probably be put up for auction at an early date. Some two thousand bales of hemp have been salved, but the rest of the cargo, consisting chiefly of sugar, has been lost. Salving operations on the Nanzing have been suspended since Thursday last, when she was virtually abandoned. and she now lies at the mercy of the wind and waves. The Marine Court of Inquiry in connection with the loss of the vessel will, in all probability, be held next Friday or Saturday. The Union Insurance Society of Canton and the China Traders' are, we understand, the companies principally interested in the loss.

THE Alice Memorial Hospital is in need of financial assistance, and its Committee appeals to the Hongkong community. This institution has done admirable work and is capable of doing a great deal more if it had increased scope and greater accommodation. The present Hospital building requires another storey to provide room for the ever increasing wave of human suffering requiring skilled medical treatment, and is hoped that sufficient funds may be forthcoming for this purpose during the present year. There are many wealthy and well-meaning men and women in Hongkong who are not professional philanthropists, and we confidently rely on them to assist the Finance Committee of the Alice Hospital in their present difficulty. The object

GEORGE SADLER, the unfortunate man who has been held up to the execration of the world as "Jack-the-Ripper" by the thick-headed Hongkong Force in March, 1873. He came out with a batch of 10 constables from London, some of whom are still holding responsible positions in the colony. Sadier, who was always assumed by his comrades to be a bit "off colour," was discharged on a medical certificate in January Metropolitan Police. He afterwards went several voyages to sea, and then attained world-wide notoriety as the most dastardly butcher of modern times, although an entirely innocent man. Poor old Sadler! Grand old British

TUBLIC opinion both in Singapore and Penang would appear to be of a much more wholesome nature than the rotten substitute that passes for the article here in Hongkong. In each of those colonies there are men who have the courage of their convictions and who, unlike the weak-kneed members of this community, give full expression to their views when any occasion requires it. Public meetings have been held both at Singa-I pore and Penang to protest against the fraud commonly known as the "Military Exaction." and although a quantity of gas has, in an irregular way, been wasted on the same subject in this model colony, nothing definite has yet been done towards having a public community at large would have an opportunity of giving expression to the general feeling of utter disgust that pervades all classes, at the actions alike of the Secretary of State and the official members of the local Legislative

REFERRING to the death of an old Hongkong hand, a San Francisco shipping contemporary remarks :- Captain H. G. Dearborn, the wellknown steamship commander, died at Tacoma on February 19th. He was born in Maine in 1837, and first commanded the clipper ship Wisard, on the Atlantic, and then ran the steamer Leo, from New York to Charleston. In 1867 he entered the employ of the Pacific Mail Company as first officer. He commanded its steamers, the Nevada, Oregonian, China. Colorado and Great Republic, old side-wheelers on the China route. The iron steamers City of Sydney and City of Paking were also under Captain Dearborn's charge until in 1888 when he retired from the Mail company's service. The Captain was well known here, and was a general favorite with all who came in contact with him. He was an experienced navigator and shipmaster, and at the time of his death was surveyor for the San Francisco underwriters at Tacoma. He left a widow, one son and two daughters,

Crarewitch to Japan is ostensibly made as an seems to be an observation of the efficiency of were driven off with serious, though unstated. I rumour is to the effect that the object of the seain to the spot, with what result has not yet is intended to have 'IA or 'IE vessels ready to Been learned. Much regret is expressed at the accompany him, and to conduct some manceuvres

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the above named Company was held at the Company's office at noon on the 28th ulto.. when the following special resolutions were submitted for approval .-

r.—That in the 5th paragraph of Article XI. of these presents there be inserted the words and they shall " between the words " whenever they think fit " and the words " upon a Requisi

2,-That the words "for the full value thereo!" contained in the third line of the 1st paragraph of Article XVIII of these presents be cancelled, and that there be substituted therefor the following: " for the actual value thereof for the time being (such value to be from time to time approval of the Consulting Committee)."

determined by the General Managers with the 3.-That the head note and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article XIX. of these presents, together with the marginal notes of those paragraphs, be

the following :-DEPRECIATION OR RESERVE FUND AND

cancelled, and that there be substituted therefor

XIX.-The General Managers may (but i shall not be compulsory on them so to do) out of the net annual profits of the Company set apart in any year a sum equal to eight per cent. upon the book value (less the amount of the hereinsteamer Tailon, specially constructed for the after mentioned Depreciation or Reserve Fund night service between here and Canton, will for the time being) of the Company's vessels, make her maiden trip during the course of the hulks, launches, lighters, lands, plant, machicoming week. She is a smart-looking little nery, and other real and personal property, chattels and effects for the time being, and every such sum so set apart shall be accumulated as a Depreciation or Reserve, Fund, and shall be invested in or upon any of the public stocks, or funds, or Government securities of the United Kingdom, or India, or the Colony of Hongkong, or any other Colony, or any Dependency of the United Kingdom, or in or upon freehold, copyhold, leasehold or chattel real securities in the United Kingdom, or India, or the Colony of Hongkong, or any other Colony, or any Dependency of the United Kingdom, or in or upon deposit account with any banking Company, body or Corporation having its head or a branch office in Hongkong, or in London, with power to the General Managers from time to time to vary such investments, and the General Managers may (with the approval of the Consulting Committee) from time to time expend or apply such Depreciation or Reserve Fund, or any parts or part thereof, in or towards the purchase, hiring, building or equipping of any additional vessels or vessel for the Company, or in or towards the writing down of the values of the Company's vessels, or any or either of them, or in or towards the maintenance or upkeep of or repairs to, the Company's vessels, or any or either of them.

3.—The General Managers may (with the approval of the Consulting Committee) out of the net annual profits of the Company from time to time, declare such an annual dividend (not exceeding twelve per cent. on the paid up Capital) as they shall think fit, and the balance of such net profits shall be placed to the credit of the Depreciation or Reserve Fund. Provided that the General Managers may (with the approval of the Consulting Committee) from time to time declare such an interim half-yearly dividend not to exceed, with the said annual dividend, twelve per cent., on the paid up capital.

4.—That in the last line of the third paragraph of Article XIX. of these presents there be blundering of the London police, joined the inserted the words "Depreciation or " between the words "and shall be put to the" and the words "Reserve Fund."

5.-That the full stop at the end of the 1st paragraph of Article XXII. of these presents he omitted, and that there be substituted therefor the words "or by advertisement or otherwise." There were present:-Mr. T. E. Davies

Chairman); the Hon. J. J. Keswick, the Hon. Ryrie, Mr. D. R. Sassoon, (Consulting Committee); Messrs. V. Decon, R. H. R. Burder. R. Lyall, K. Davis, J. H. Cox, J. A. Jupp, J Meler, G. T. Veitch, F. A. Gomes, J. H. Lewis (Secretary), and others.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings.

said:—Gentlemen, as you are all aware, the object of the present Extraordinary Meeting is. with your concurrence, to make certain alterations in the Articles of Association of this Company. The notice convening this meeting has been in your possession for a weeks and the same gives in full the alterations it is proposed to make. No doubt you have all carefully considered this document, and have noticed that the proposed changes are mostly of slight importance, being chiefly for the purpose of giving more clearness to the Articles as they now stand. The main alteration is, of course, in Article XIX. which has reference to our Reserve Fund. meeting called by means of which the you will observe that it is proposed to change the 'title from 'Reserve Fund' to 'Depreciation or Reserve Fund.' and as this fund partakes both of the nature of depreciation and reserve. think this is the right thing. I may say that our idea is for the future to devote a portion of the sums yearly set aside to writing down book values of steamers &c., and the remaining portion to augmenting the Reserve; this is a proposal which I think will meet with your approval. It will be seen that the new Articles will grant increased powers for the disposal or use of the Reserve in case of necessity. At present the only thing that can be done with this fund is to purchase new steamers, or otherwise extend the Co.'s business,' but no large repairs may be paid for out of it, even though they be structural and largely increasing the value of the repaired steamer; this, of course, was not the original intention, as the working account cannot possibly be expected to stand such heavy outlays if any dividend is to be paid. As regards the other powers sought for having reference to the maintenance and upkeep of the Company's vessels, the same would only be used in cases of the utmost necessity, and we can conceive of troublous times in which it might be compulsory to have to dip to some extent into reserve, although we sincerely trust such times may not come to us. It will be the policy of the management in the future, as it has been in the past, to touch our fund as sparingly as possible, of that I can most emphatically assure you, and I would point out that every cent withdrawn must at all times appear in the published accounts, so that shareholders will have the opportunity of approving same, or otherwise, at General meeting, and if not approved, the item must be written back and otherwise dealt with. I don't think I need add to these few words, but before putting the necessary motions to the meeting, I shall be glad to disten to remarks from any shareholder.

Mr. J. H. Cox, who said he spoke as one with a good deal of knowledge of book-keeping, held that (less the amount of the Depreciation or Reserve

be written off the cost price of each vessel and so appear in the accounts. He cited the Indo-China Co. as a case in point, and contended that the way in which that company's accounts were kept was the correct one; namely, to deduct a certain sum from the cost of each steamer and enter it in the Depreciation Account.

The Chairman said he was very glad to hear what Mr. Cex had to say an the subject, but he thought that his suggestions were covered by the special resolutions which were before the meeting. The General Managers would, under the proposed amended rules, be able to write off what they thought fit.

Mr. Cox-Yes, but it gives you power to retain the amount so written off.

The Chairman—Yes, but that is optional. Mr. J. H. Cox-I, and I think other share-

holders also, would prefer that it was compulsory. The Chairman-We have no power to alter these resolutions. If shareholders wont pass them, then the proposed amendments will have to be held over for four or five weeks until

another meeting is convened. Mr. J. H. Cox-I propose that resolution 3 do not pass in its present form. The amount written off should go to the debit of Profit and Loss

Mr. F. A. Gomes-There is another point for objection. I don't think the Reserve Funds should be invested outside the Colony.

The Chairman-We have no intention o doing so. The Committee will have very great pleasure in scratching out the part you take exception to if the shareholders wish it?

. Mr. Veitch-I think that part of the clause is good (I mean the part Mr. Gomes objects to), and should not be struck out.

The Chairman then, after some further discussion in which Mr. Gomes contended that it would be better to let the matter stand over, and let two of the Directors and one or two of the shareholders go over the Articles of Association with a view to suggesting such amendments as might be advisable and suitable to the times asked Mr. Gomes whether anyone would second his resolution?

Mr. Gomes-I don't know (laughter).

No one seconded Mr. Gomes' proposition, and after a brief lull in the proceedings the Chairman pointed out that shareholders had hadfully three weeks to think over the resolutions and that, therefore, they should have written about it to the Committee prior to the hour of meeting.

Mr. Gomes asked whether Capt. Talbot had written on the subject and, if so, whether the Chairman would read the letter i

The Chairman said he had received a letter from Captain Talbot and replied to it at once. The letter was not by him at the moment, but shareholders could see it later on if they desired to, As to Mr. J. H. Cox's remarks, they would receive the careful consideration of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cox-Of course you retain the amount of depreciation! You will act as you see best!

Mr. P. Ryrie moved the adoption of the first of the above mentioned special resolutions. Mr. Burder seconded and it was carried unanimously Mr. J. J. Keswick moved the adoption of the second resolution. Mr. F. A. Gomes seconded. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the third resolution. He was seconded by Mr. K. Davis and it was carried nem con.

Mr. D. R. Sassoon proposed the adeption of the fourth resolution. Mr. G.T. Veltch seconded. Carried ununimously.

The adoption of the fifth resolution was moved by Mr. J. J. Keswick, seconded by Mr. J. F. C da Roza, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman—That is all the business before the meeting. I thank the gentlemen present for their attendance, and have to inform them that a confirmatory meeting will be beld about three weeks hence, of which due notice will be

The meeting then adjourned sine die. CRICKET

"The Empress of India" v. Hongrong C. C

The match arranged by telegram between a team selected from the passengers by the new Canadian-Pacific liner Empress of India and an eleven of the Hongkong Cricket Club was commenced on the Cricket Ground vesterday afternoon (27th ulto.) in capital cricketing weather and on a wicket that played not large, but after tiffin an immense crowd assembled, the ground being thickly fined somewhat one-sided. Our visitors placed a strong eleven in the field, including such well known players as Rodriguez of the M.C.C., and Hulton, once a shining light in the Lancashire County team, in addition to several others whose names are not unknown in cricketing annals at home. Hongkong, although moderately represented, had still a formidable batting contingent, but the bowling element was palpably weak.

for a grand exhibition of batting by Rodriguez. merits the innings was deserving of all praise. and needless to say the batsman was most heartily cheered on returning to the pavilion when the last wicket fell with the total at 127. Hulton and Wood succeeded in reaching double figures, but the others seemed all abroad with the bowling—they probably had not got back their cricketing legs after such a lengthy sojourn on the ocean wave. The Club bowling was not particularly strong. Duna's curly slows proving most effective and accounting for 4 wickets at a cost of 47 runs. Barff, who was not in his best form, secured two wickets for 30, Dumbleton been put on much earlier, as he is usually a very effective change bowler, two for a runs.

The Club, with what seemed on paper a remarkably, soft thing, scarcely fulfilled the expectations of their local admirers, and but for Dunn "coming off" would have probably collapsed. But Dunn, as he generally does, did "come off," and when he was bowled by Bevan -who has the queerest and most laboured overhand action we have ever seen in a good bowler, and Beran evidently is an effective trundlerwith the total at 292, he had scored off his own bat the grand total of 187, which was comprised "a sum equal to eight per cent upon the book value of three 6's, thirty-three 4's, one 3, half-a-dozen 2's and singles. Dunn gave several chances, but Fund for the time being) of the Company's his defence was all but perfect, and his hitting vessels, bulks, launches, lighters, lands, plant, exceptionally hard and admirably timed and machinery, and other real and personal property, | placed. We think he got dismissed foolishly; chattels and effects for the time being, and every | Bevan had just been put on for a change, the such sum so set apart" should not, as was pro- light was very deceptive, the bowler's delivery posed. "be accumulated as a Depreciation or I was puzzling and he was dead on the wicket, and Reserve Fund, and he invested in or upon any why, after carefully playing the first four balls of the public stocks, or funds, or Government of the over, Dunn should have slogged out at the securities of the United Kingdom, or India, or lith in the way he did, we don't pretend to say on the subject of the Names piracy affair. Customs duty, so that the officials now hold, that the Colony of Hongkong, or any other colony, explain, but it was not discreet, However, he He tells us that in the report No mention is improve to enjoy the right of trading in South death of Captain Wicheren who was a general in neighbouring seas. Anyhow, it is clear that or any dependency of the United Kingdom." did slog and was clean bowled, Leach exhibited made of this simply because it, has never been Vermosa, foreigners must pay double duty. What He thought it should not be so dealt with but bis customery correct cricket for \$3, and Secombe | brought before the Committee officially, but went to be constituted.

that, on the contrary, a certain percentage should | Smith, for once in a way playing a defensive | speaking for myself I think if the powers of the game, stayed with Dunn while the score was raised from 207 to 292. None of the others did | Chinese authorities of native criminals, not polianything, but we really cannot understand on | tical, might be made easier and less expensive what grounds Coxon was given out "leg before." than at present we should do much, not only to The ball, a bit of a twister, seemed to hit him at | rid the colony of a class of inhabitants that are a the top of the thigh, quite beyond the wicket, danger to the community, but we should also save but he had to go all the same. At gunfire the a very considerable expense, and I think some Club had totalled 303 for the loss of 9 wickets. | system surely could be devised that would enable Sercombe Smith being not out with 37 to his us to weed out these bad characters without credit, and Barff with 4.

On resuming play this forenoon the "not outs" and the good and true men of the Colony, of last night quickly got "set," and defied all the | think if we pursued some such course we should Sercombe Smith having totalled 60 and Barff 44.

74, with the total at 399. Barff carrying out his disheartens and disgusts the Chinese authorities bat for a hard hit 50. Bevan and Woodbridge and possibly causes them to be more icthargic were the most successful bowlers for the visitors. In a minority of 272 the Empress of India made but a poor show against the bowling of taken by shipowners are all every well up to a Dunn and Campbell. Rodriguez (22), Sidney | certain point, but there are limits to such pre-(17), and Hulton (22 not out) reached double | cautions, and when you get beyond these limits igures; the rest did nothing and the innings closed for '83, leaving the Club victors by an being applied by the shipowner.' innings and 179 runs. Dunn bowled most effectively, capturing no fewer than seven

The following are the scores:-"EMPRESS OF INDIA."

SECOND INNINGA.

FIRST. INNINGS.

wickets.

..... o c Garde, b Campbell, O. C. Bevan, c and b Duna 4 c Dunn, b Campbelline 7. C. Hulton (Capt.), b Barif to not out ## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB. FIRST INNINGS. Capt. Dumbleton, b Bevan., C. S. Barff not out

CORRESPONDENCE

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MR. E. MACKINTOSH ON SUNDAY LABOUR AND PIRACY.

A REPLY. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPM." SIR.—In the course of his speech at the annual meeting of members of the local General Chamber of Commerce the Chairman, Mr. E. Mackintosh, in alluding to the vexed question of compulsory Sunday labour on board, ships in this port, said:—"I now come to the Sunday labour question in the harbour of Hongkong. I think there is very little to add on this subject; in fact it has been threshed threadbare. The opinions of the Committee, and I think of the members of this Chamber are well known; at least, when I say all the members, I mean we took upon ourselves to consult with those members directly interested to ascertain their views, and they assented to the position your committee took up. Personally I may say that after that interview we had with a deputation from the Mercantile Marine Officers'

Association my firm instructed the captains of the regular coasting steamers that if at any time any of their officers should apply to be relieved from the supervision of cargo on Sunday in this harbour their application was to be granted at once, to be freely accorded, and if the owners of the other lines of coasting steamers were approached I do not think they would besitate throughout the year; in fact I doubt if the no import letin whatever allowed in Formosa, admirably throughout. At the beginning of the number of those who are compelled to sidered absolutely necessary works, taking into I transit pass for goods carried thither; equally account, of course, the difference in the number I the non-existence of any import Likin in Formosa with interested watchers of a contest that proved of the population. In Hongkong the officers I renders the Issue of transit passes for goods seldom have a chance of being called upon to I going up country impossible. The foreigner, work on Sunday, while at home the stationary therefore, has no redress, unless he wishes his character of the employe gives no such relief. My remarks must be taken simply as touching on the hardship to individuals. As to the whole question, I thoroughly concur in the statements

Taken as a whole, the foreging statements do not add much to the literature upon this subject, but wholly erroneous impression) it may be as well Rodriguez gave one or two chances, but on its British public in all parts of the world f so it ject." The object of the appeal referred to is unnecessary compulsory labour in this port, and

made by the committee of this Chamber." Others

interests of employer and employed. applicant, and was declared by the Marine injunctions to arrest the compradore or any

course, as the distinguished falpan said himself. Chinese misdoings, will not allow this flagrant his remarks must be taken simply as touching | breach of treaty and impropriety to pass unnoticed. on the hardship to individuals. But what is Meantime it is certain that Americans are really regrettable is, that Mr. Mackintosh did | virtually, nay actually, debarred from carrying not selve the golden opportunity, which he had, of on trade here. The godown-man has also been explaining the alleged "peculiar conditions" of arrested and cast into the lowest dungeous of the trade here which render it inexpedient that worst prison. The authorities are defient and continued disrespect for the Fourth Command, as insolent as possible. I will advise you of any ment should be relegated to keep company with further action by next post, as it is I have many other abuses, which of late years have enly time to scribble of these few, lines just become things of the past. By the way, the letter had now let us see what the Chairman had to charged on kerosine oil alone is equal to the

executive were enlarged so that rendition to the trenching on the liberties of bond fide residents bowling efforts of their opponents. When the induce the Chinese authorities to take up more tiffin bell rang their wickets were still intact, heartily than they have hitherto done the suppression of piracy in Chinese waters. At present After tiffin the Club's innings was quickly if a man in Hongkong is wanted by the Chinese brought to a close. Sercombe-Smith failing to authorities all manner of formalities have to be stop a straight one from Rodriguez after scoring gone through and great expense incurred. This in their action when we place any measure before them required for the suppression of players had to face a hopeless task, and they piracy in their waters. I may say precautions. you cannot depend upon any effective remedy

From the foregoing it is clear that the Com-

mittee of the Chamber have given a good deal of thought to the subject of the suppression of piracy, with the result that they have hit upon a very happy kind of half-and-half measure. namely to enable us to weed out bad characters (native criminals), without trespassing on the ilberties of bond fide residents of the Colony, by means of making the rendition of Chinese to their authorities less troublesone and expensive than it is at present. This is a good idea, which with advantage might have been put into effect long, long ago. But is that all the shipowners of Hongkong can suggest as an effective means of protecting their vessels, their cargoes and the lives of their captains and officers from further attacks by the pirates who still so numerously infest the coasts of Kwangtung and Fukley, and find the colony of Hongkong a happy hunting ground wherein to spend their ill-gotten gains i We, despised and rejected of mon though we are, sincerely hope such is not the case. Surely our owners cannot be so callous as regards the lives of those who navigate their ships! They must be aware that if but two or three capable and reliable Europeans were employed as preventive officers to go on board all out-going vessels and search passengers' persons and baggage, pirates would not dare to run the risk of being detected by such men, while the utter lack of such search—regular, systematic inspection by officers specially adapted to the work and whose remuneration rendered it worth their while to exhibit zeal and smartness-renders us liable to repetitions of the awful experiences of the Namoa victims and survivors. It might be hard were the expenses in connection with such a miniature preventive service to fall on the shipowners, but there is no reason why it should. Most of us think it might well be paid by Government out of the enormous sums amassed as Light Dues, and which, it would appear, Mr. Mackintosh desires to have placed under the control of a Lighthouse Board. in which he is no doubt perfectly right. Assuring you that many sailors will be very thankful if you favour this "sea yarn" with a corner in your esteemed columns, just to show

the world that in addition to compulsory Sunday labour we have to run daily and hourly risks of having our vessels turned into awe-inspiring hells, and be shot down like dogs by the most dangerous class of criminals of which the world has yet known; I remain, Sir. Yours respectfully,

Hongkong, 16th March, 1801.

TAIWANFOO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) en data had and hand Anning. March 20th, 1891.

A BRITISH OFFICER

There is a tremendous like shindy being carried on here at present. The officials contend in according the same privilege. But as bearing I that foreign goods imported here are only free upon the question of hardship to individual from iskin either within or without the Treatyemployes I would like to say a word: I would I port, so long as they are actually in the foreign remind those who are agitating the question that I godowns. The moment they are sent out for the men who work on Sunday do not work every I distribution—if only to the city of Talwanfoo Sunday. They are not residents, and it may which, they also allege, is not in the Treaty-port, and does happen that numbers of them, a large or ito Takow—the goods become "native percentage of those who pass through this port, exports " (sic), and thus liable ! By express are not called upon to work on a single Sunday | provision of the Governor's regulations there is number of those officers who do work on Sundays I and the above is the reasoning the authorities in Hongkong greatly exceeds, if it exceeds at all, use in order to justify their attack on foreign imports. By treaty, Talwanion is within the the game the attendance of speciators was labour at home on Sunday on what are con- Treaty-port, the Customs can therefore grant no business entirely stopped, but to pay up and look cheefful. Pending some help from Poking they have been winking at these payments, which has emboldened the officials who have consequently been adopting all sorts of pretexts for extra squeezing, &c., &c. Things have now come to a climax, and what the outcome of Going first to the wickets, the "globe- as they convey the distinct impression that the recent occurrences will be, must depend on the trotters would have made a sorry show but question has been threshed threadbare (a view taken by the American Consul in Amoy, and Minister at Peking. While a boat was lying who went in first and carried his bat right to let your readers know that, as far as mercantile alongside or off the godowns, belonging to an through for a capital innings of 85, which marine officers are concerned, a good deal will American Firm trading here, the letter runners included one 5, ten 4's, four 2's, and singles. yet be added in the shape of an appeal to the boarded her, and selzed both the boat and fifty cases of kerosine oil belonging to the said firm. is premature in the extreme to conclude that Consular appeal availed nothing save, as far as "nothing more can be added to the sub we could judge to make the Taotal more active." It is said he is furious with foreigners for "trying to cause a law to be passed prohibiting I toget out of the laking enactments, and repudiating the official contention that their freedom to carry that failing, the officers, once having aroused on untaxed trade must be confined strictly to universal public sympathy, will be in a position, I their premises. The Taotal Issued a peremptory as a last resource, to have recourse to a modus | warrant for the arrest of the compradors operands which it is only too apparent they employed by the American firm, and his have hitherto studiously avoided, both in the runners broke into the Hong in order to execute it? On protest from a foreign inmate they were The personal application of officers for release | eventually finduced to withdraw, but, by the from duty on the Sabbath has long ago been strict orders of the Taotal, a strong guard of one for 23, and Campbell, who ought to have | shown to be fraught with grave danger to the constables is formed round the Hong with Officers' Association, in its reply to the Chamber's | servants that may attempt to come out. In a decision on the question, to be undesirable for word the Hong is besieved and, as a consequence three very cogent reasons which were published all trade and, to a great extent, even communicain the local papers, both English and Chinese. I tion, is cut off. This has now been going on for I will not in this letter deal with the question of twenty days, so I suppose there will be a heavy 'hardship' referred to, by Mr. E. Mackintosh claim. It is a long time since such an open act further than to point out that he studiously of violence, short of actual assault to the person, avoids the discussion of the subject from a moral | has occurred in China, and we assume that even point of view, and admits that some officers are the Amy dean Government, reductant as they compelled to work in this port on Sunday. Of have appeared to be of late years to resent

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ninth ordinary annual meeting of Shareholders in the above named Company was held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, at noon to-day (26th ulto.), for the purpose of receiving a report from the General Agents, with a statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1890. There were present:-The Hon. J. J. Keswick (Chairman); Messrs. T. E. Davies, D. Gillies, (Consulting Committee); C. S. Taylor, J. H. Cox J. C. da Cunha, a Chinese shareholder, H. C.

Maclean (Secretary), and others. said :- The report for the year 1890, which has | this letter, coupled with the previous telegrams now been in your hands for a considerable | and correspondence, we have ascertained that time. I do not propose to read unless it is your | owing to the heavy flueds the expenses of carting wish that I should do so. The report is the | and erecting the machinery have been greatly most favourable that the General Agents have above what was expected, and we have been rendered since the commencement of the Company's business, and I trust is the precursor | and these delays have caused considerable of many better ones, but the trying experi- increase in the wages' account. Added to the ences of the past should render us very careful above disappointments various details in the not to be carried with any too sanguine expects. I machinery required alteration, as for instance it tions which it may be difficult to realize. In the was found that the air compressor was defective, year embraced in the report we had our serious | the battery pump was not capable of working disappointments, and could we have forescen occurrences the Consulting Committee would the Frue vauners and shaking tables did not certainly not have paid an interim dividend of a per cent, for the first half of the year, foundations had slightly subsided. All those during which period the Company did remarkably well. The result of working subsequent to the increased the expenses. This, gentlemen, pre-20th of June did not meet expectation at all. We had high exchanges, cheap beet sugar in Europe, I the table and we now turn to the financial posi and a very poor demand in Spain, so that stocks of refined sugar accumulated on our hands and | have already told you, after sending down to obliged us to close the Refinery on the 26th Mr. Gregory, the last £700 in the Bank, November. All things considered, I think exhausted our funds. We have since then, as you will regard the report and accounts before I have also told you, sent to Mr. Gregory fifno you as fairly satisfactory, and, I hope you will for wages being the over draft obtained from the also approve of the manner in which it is Bank secured by your Directors' personal proposed to deal with the balance of \$45,233.59. I ought to mention that the special advance of \$50.000-made by the General \$6,600, or a total sum of \$9,000 owing by the Agents for so many years without any charge upon it—now becomes interest-bearing, and it is at all events encouraging to find that the Company has been able to attain to the necessary conditions. I have only a word more to add and it is to express the obligation we are under to the Manila agents, Messrs. Smith | Capital was called up leaves \$12,000 to be Bell Co., for their continued careful and energetic management of the company's To them we are in a great business. measure indebted for the improved results to which we have attained. I am not aware that there is any thing else of interest that I can add to these remarks, but before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be glad to answer any questions that any shareholder may wish to address to me. There being no questions the Chairman

formally moved "the adoption of the report and accounts, as submitted. Mr. J. H.-Cox seconded, and it was carried

Messrs. T. E. Davies and D. Gillies, who retired from the Consulting Committee at this meeting, were re-elected upon the motion of Mr. J. H. Cox, who was seconded by Mr. J. C. ds

Mr. Thomas Arnold was re-elected auditor for the current year upon the proposition of Mr. da Cunha, seconded by Mr. C. S. Taylor. An announcement by the Chairman to the effect that dividend warrants, for a final dividend

of 3 per cent, will be ready on Saturday brought

the proceedings to a close.

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED,

The ordinary yearly meeting of Shareholders George R. Stevens (Chairman); E. L. Woodin, A. P. Stokes (Directors); C. Hirst, J. Orange, R. K. Leigh, A. G. Stokes, H. G. James, J. H.

Cox. H. J. Scott, Gen. Fenwick, A. Rodger, K.

A. Stevens (Secretary), and others. The Chairman 'said :- Gentlemen, this being the first annual meeting the report and accounts which have been in your hands some days I will, with your permission, take as read. and will not detain you with any remarks as to the Company's position or prospects, which purpose going fully into at the extraordinary meeting to be held after this meeting. The extraordinary meeting is called to consider the question of ways and means, and the only business before this meeting, besides the adoption of the report, will be election of Directors and an Auditor for the ensuing year. Mr. Stokes and Mr. Woodin retire in accordance with the articles of association but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. It is thought advisable strengthen the Board by the addition of two more Directors and we suggest the names of Mr. Chas. Hirst and Mr. James Orange, who have already done good service for the Company. Mr. Needham is also eligible for re-election as auditor. Before proceeding to business I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may wish to ask.

There being no questions Mr. Scott proposed and Mr. G. Fenwick seconded that "the report and accounts as presented be passed." Carried unaminously.

Messrs. A. P. Stokes and E. L. Woodin were re-elected Directors upon the motion of Mr Fenwick who was seconded by Mr. H. G. James. Mr. E. Osborne proposed and Mr. A. Rodger seconded that "Messrs. C. Hirst and Orange be elected members of the Board of Directors." Carried unanimously.

.. Mr. W. Needham was then re-appointed seconded by Mr. A. G. Stokes.

before the ordinary meeting. We have now to | viz :-form ourselves into an

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING. After an interval of about five minutes the Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said :shall first lay the correspondence and telegrams on the table. You will remember that when we met in August last, it was decided to increase the capital of the Company by the sum of \$30,000. The Original Capital had proved insufficient to cover the outlay for machinery already contracted for and general expenses, you will also remember that it was then decided to follow the recommendation of Mr. Orange to acquire certain properties in the neighbourhood of the Balmoral Mine, it was also decided to purchase additional Machinery which Mr. Orange and the engineers at the mine considered most necessary for the development of our properties. For these purposes the sum of \$20,000 was deemed amply sufficient. The letters and telegrams which were received up to December led us to expect that this would be the case and that the mine would from the 1st January at latest be take up the new lasue in order, that outsiders not only paying its way but also providing dividends. All seemed to be going on well and | very favourable terms. after telegrams informing us of favorable crushlogs, we received on the 23rd of December a to issue a formal invitation to all, shareholders holidays. The 21st of January, however, brought information that the boiler was out of repair and increase should be allotted pro rata. crushing could not be resumed until the 26th Jan. andthat Mr. Gregory was in urgent need of money. a confirmatory meeting would be held on the oth Then followed several telegrams the result of proximo, the proceedings terminated.

which was that he informed us £1,750, was required. At this time we had about £700, left in the Bank to meet this demand. This was remitted leaving us without funds, and we have since, in response to urgent wiles, remitted a further sum of £600, under our personal guarantee, for wages, without payment of which the mine would have had to stop working. Telegrams passed asking for explanations, but Mr. Gregory wired that we must await the arrival of the Tsinan and until this steamer arrived it was impossible for as form an opinion of how things actually stood at the mine financially and otherwise, it was uscless to call you together. Full accounts and explanations were received on 27th The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, Feb usry on the arrival of the Tsinan. From much delayed in getting the machinery put up, more than to heads of stamp instead of 20, work satisfactorily and the brickwork in the causes have seriously delayed the work and sents to you the gist of the correspondence on tion of the Company. We have at present, as I guarantee. There remains owing in Sydney as per last accounts per Tsinan sent by Mr. Gregory Company at date. These are all the liabilities as far as we learn from the account and we believe that these are all there are, except the wages, which, of course, are running on. \$30,000 additional Capital and 0,000 liabilities incurred, plus 3,000 in hand before the new accounted for as follows: -

share Eureka Property ... 1.500 , Queen of the Mount 67.5

Machinery, Plant, Timber, Surface works:-Chiefly speaking 3 "Frue" and I Triumph Vauners... I Blakes! Duplex Pump r Rauds' Air compressor I Watson and Denny Pan Timber, Rails..... Wages and horse hire for Dam, and " very heavy trainage and cartage... J

incl. Miners and battery wages, stores... 14.00

\$ 42.000 It is in respect of this liability and to have mone in hand for future contingencies that it necessary to provide further funds. And we would propose to raise the capital by the sum o \$45,000, by creating 4,500 new shares of \$10 each,—It may be unnecessary to issue all these shares. It we issue 2,000 shares and thereby provide \$20,000 we believe it will be more than sufficient, but we propose 4,500 shares to have some unissued shares to provide for future possibilities Mr. Gregory's last letter says that beyond the liability above mentioned in Sydney, \$6,800, the only expenses of the mine which will be required in the above named Company was held at the in future are 2 Rock drills, £75 each, and the Hongkong Hotel this afternoon (26th ulto.), for the | fortnightly payments of wages and stores. But purpose of receiving the report of the Directors this last item, wages and stores, should be met by and a statement of accounts to the 30th of the gold won from the mine. Our last crushing of September, 1890. There were present :- Messrs. | 200 tons yields about £330, and this will nearly paya month's wages and stoles at the mine. Actual wages amount at present roughly to £200 month. Mr. Gregory has also 11 tons of pyrites which should yield some 20 oz. of gold per ton, when treated by chlorinating process say £750 Our battery should crush 500 tons a month when in full working order and this should give 2) times as much gold as the above last telegraphed crushing. Moreover this crushing was only tributors having inferior stone, but Mr. Gregory tells us that within a month from now we should be on the rich shoot of gold and better results should therefore follow. Our delays and disappointments have been very discouraging but they appear to be now surmounted. We believe that we have at last overcome our difficulties. and with the help of \$20,000 more Capital that the mine will be a success. On the 9th inst, we called you together in private meeting and gave you these particulars, and we have now convened this formal meeting to consult with you and propose the resolution which you have the 7th and 6th ulto. :heard read and which I now beg to propose.

> The Chairman then moved:—"That the Capital of the Balmoral Gold Mining Company. Limited, be increased from \$180,000 to \$225,000 by the creation of Four Thousand and Five Hundred New Shares of \$10 each to be fully paid up. And that such New Shares be issued upon such terms and conditions and generally with such rights and privileges as shall be resolved upon or directed at the Meeting, and if no direction be given, as the Directors shall determine."

> Mr. A. P. Stokes addressed the meeting at some length, and a good deal of discussion arose on the subject of the interest on preference shares in the New Issue. It ended in the speaker formally moving as an amended motion :—

That the Capital be increased to \$225,000 by the creation of 4,500 New Shares of \$10 cash t auditor, upon the motion of Mr. J. B. Coughtrie, | be fully paid up, and that such New Shares be issued upon the following terms and conditions . The Chairman-That is all the business and with the following rights and privileges

(a.) That the New Shares be called Preference Shares and that the holders thereof be entitled to a cumulative preferential dividend

at the rate of 12 per cent, per annum. (b.) That in the event of the Company being wound up the holders of the said Preference Shares shall be entitled to have the surplus assets of the Company applied in the first place in repaying to them the amount (\$10) paid up on the Preference Shares held by them respectively, but that the residue of such surplus assets shall belong to and be divided among the other

members of the Company, (c.) That the Directors be and they are hereby sutherized to issue the said Shares, or such proportion of them as they may deem necessary, in such manner and to such persons as they may think fit.

unanimously, ... Mr. Orange in addressing the meeting sirged that present shareholders should be careful to should not have an opportunity of coming in on

After some further discussion it was decided wire that crushing would be, resumed after the to subscribe towards the new capital, and that should the tenders exceed, the required amount . With an announcement by the Chairman that

PUBLIC LATRINES IN HONGKONG.

The recent case tried at the Supreme Court in which the plaintiff was granted a perpetual injunction restraining the defendant from erecting a public latring next-door to his house led us to make a few inquiries concerning the erection of latrines generally, which will no doubt be read with some interest. Hongkong, so different to many cities in several respects, is also about the most wretchedly insanitary place in existence in which Europeans live, a thorough and complete system only now being slowly and it is to be hoped successfully laid out. Whether this new system will answer when once completed is another matter, but one would think that after going to the great expense the Colony has been put to that something totally different to the past might be confidently looked forward to. At present there has litely sprung up amongst a number of Chinese landlords, some of whom are wealthy men connected with both Government and mercantile offices, a manix to pull down houses which might be in need of repair for an immediate tenant, and erect in their place latrines, which are let and sub-let to the highest bidder. The Government have erected four public latrines for the free and exclusive use of the Chinese in different parts of the city, whilst a new one is now in course of erection hear the Wanchai Market, but the object of private property owners in erecting these public necessities is that of trade, in fact those already in existence built on land upon which the houses were demolished for their erection in Tung Man Ki, Queen's Road West and the Circular Pathway, are known to pay their landlords from filteen to twenty percent, better than their house | China and the Treaty Powers, and the free and | water. But the fire that fell inside burnt the properties dld. As we before said a mania would seem to exist amongst the Chinese landowners at present for converting their house property into public latrines, permission having been granted by the Surveyor-General for the erection of fifteen, which are now in course of building all over the colony, whilst plans and specifications of seven others are now being prepared. These proposed latrines are built in a house-like manner some being two and three stories in height, and have iron fittings, doors, seats and buckets. The floors are made of concrete with open channels leading into a sick, which in turn is connected with the nearest sewer; the soil being disposed of by the same means that are at present in existence. The ventilation which is one of the principal items to be considered, is carried out by means of wooden ventilators from the first and second floors leading into a lantern on the roof and as many windows are allowed for as possible. A charge of from one to two cash is made and at that rate we. understand an ample profit is made. One of the chief objections to these public latrines is the proximity in which most of them are to be built to the surrounding dwelling houses, the latter being so densely built in almost every conceiv- to us a welcome opportunity to converse with able nook and corner of the colony, and since the judgment in the recent case may be considered sufficient upon which to take action by of the good relation's between China and the others, it may cause a total stoppage of the other countries. It is in this sense that we drink work in connection with those now going on. I to the long life and happiness of Their Majesties, That it is a profitable business there seems no the sovereigns, and of the Presidents of the cause for doubt, a ready sale always being countries represented by Your Excellencies obtainable with the Government Conservancy may they be blessed with constant peace and contractor, who possesses a number of boats welfare. At the same time we add our best which transfer it to a place near Canton where wishes for Your Excellencies .- N. C. Daily large tracts of land are prepared for its reception, News. and where it is readily sold to the numerous Chinese gardeners round and about the district at an average of from 35 to 40 cents per picul. Whether it would be better for the Government to erect public latrines and refuse such permision to private property owners was recently discussed at the local Sanitary Board meeting a few weeks ago, but as their power is almost nil to do this or that the discussion ended somewhat abruptly with the inevitable result that they did not possess this, that and the other, but nevertheless, -that-public-latrines-are-not-only-a-necessity but an absolute benefit to the Chinese community there would be few to dispute, and once crected At this New Year season we cordially and and kept in a thorough clean condition under the superintendence of the sanitary authority, it is quite possible the animus at present found to exist against them would gradually become extinct. Had the colony a municipal council or urban authority things would not have been allowed to continue so long as they have done but in the absence of such bodies we can only look forward to that body which is responsible for existing evils, and should further evils spring

THE AUDIENCE AND THE BANQUET.

up they ought to be laid at the door of those

whose duty it is, but who fail to us the proper

means of prevention.

The following is the full text of the speeches and addresses made at the two ceremonies on

Address of the German Minister as Doyen at the General reception of the Diplomatic Body by His Majesty the Emperor of China on the 5th of March, 1801.

Sirs,—The members of the Diplomatic Bod resident at Peking have to-day for the first tim the opportunity and the honour to be able to offer in person their respectful wishes to Your

They do so with the conviction that the policy inaugurated by Your Majesty will greatly contribute to augment and to strengthen the bonds of friendship which exist already, now so happily, between China and the countries and nations having treaty relations with it.

That such may be the case is the most fervent wish of all the persons assembled here to-day, and while they offer to Your Majesty their sincerest and most respectful felicitations on the occasion of the New Year just entered upon they beg to be allowed to give expression to their hope and their conviction that under the enlightened rule of Your Majesty the blessings of peace and happiness will be granted to the Imperial Dynasty and the people of China.

Reply of His Majesty the Emperor to the address of the Diplomatic Body presented on the occasion of the audience on March

We have been greatly pleased by the felicitations offered to us by the honourable ministers and others (kuel shik chien tine). We hope that Their Majesties the Sovereigns and the Rulers of the countries which you represent will enjoy good health during the year just entered upon. We wish that the gentlemen here present may remain yet many years in China, that they friendly relationship. I shall not fall to convey may feel well in every respect and that all their hopes may be fulfilled. We add to this the further wish that the relations between China and the other countries may in future take the Mr. G. Fenwick seconded, and it was carried friendliest form,

> Speech read by Mr. von Brandt as Dean of the Diplomatic Body at the Banquet given Your Highness and Your Excellencies,-It gives me great pleasure to be able to be once more the mouthplece of the diplomatic body in proposing the health of H.M. the Emperor.

> Mearly two years have gone by since at the banquet given by order of H.M. the Empress Regent, to the Representatives of the treaty Powers I had the honour of paying our respectful tribute of admiration to the virtues and

tives and still more so the reasons which had been put forward in the Imperial edict for doing such an honour to them, might be considered as a new point of departure, and as indicting that the work of the Tsung-Il Yame and the foreign Representatives had begun to bear its fruit. Today another harquet unites, my collergues, and myself with Your Highness and Your Excellencies, and this time this given not on the occasion of a tu'er withdrawing from the work and the successes of many years, but of a young sovereign, full of promises and hope, having

And again the Imperial edict by which this banquet has been ordained, has mentioned the growing intimacy between China and the Treaty Powers and the part taken by the foreign Representatives in bringing about this satisfactory

entered for the first time upon what may be

properly called the international part of his great

My Colleagues and myself have been deeply moved by this Imperial acknowledgment of our endeavours to strengthen the friendly relations. between China and the treaty powers; we gladly recognize in the audience granted vesterday to the foreign Representatives and the whole Diplomatic Body and in those to take place in future a further advance in the direction indicated by the edict of Her Maj sty the Empress Regent issued two years ago; we fully trust and believe in the will and the power of His Majesty the Emperor to continue in the line of policy announced by him in his edict of December last and to bring ultimate sim, a perfect understanding between unconditional entrance of China into the comity of nations, where we can assure Your Highness and Your Excellencies, she will receive a warm and friendly welcome.

My Colleagues and myself request Your Highness and Your Excellencies to place before His Majesty our profound and most respectful thanks for the honour done to us yesterday and to-day, as well as our wishes for the happiness and welfare of His Majisty, the Imperial Dynasty and the people of China.

To the health of H. M. the Emperor. If say

Reply of H. H. Prince Ching to the speech of the Dean of the Diplomatic Body at the banquel given at the Tsungli Yamen on

March 6th, 1891. The words of the Foreign Representatives in the speech just read contain a warm appreciation; of the sincere intention; of H.M. the Emperor to strengthen the existing friendly relations, with the Treaty Powers; it will be a pleasant duty for us (the Prince and Ministers of the Yamen) to bring to the knowledge, of His Majesty the thanks just offered by Your Excellencies. Today's banquet, prepared by Imperial order, offers you in a joyous and cheerful spirit; we consider it as a loving omen for the future strengthening

THE AUDIENCE SPEECHES

Herr von Brandt speaking for the Ministe's. e'c., said :- To-day the Ministers and Charges d'Affaires have for the first time the honour of appearing in person before his Majesty. Me therefore respectfully present our compliments to the Emperor. We believe that the inauguration of this custom will tend to the peace and honour of the empire and the friendliness of all Treaty nations; which is our sincere desire. respectfully present our congratulations, and hope the great virtue of the Emperor w benefit the people high and low so that all may enjoy peace and prosperity.

REPLY OF THE EMPEROR.

We desire to convey to all the Ministers. Charges d'Affaires, and Secretaries who have presented your congratulations to Us that We truly appreciate and are very pleased with all your kind expressions, and We sincerely wish that your respective sovereigns may this year have all things according to their hearts' desires and that their happiness and prosperity may daily increase. A We also hope that you Ministers shall stay long in China and in the full enjoyment of health, and that friendly relations between China and Foreign countries shall never cease.

THE BANQUET AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE. Her von Brandt spoke for the Foreign Minister and said :- Since the Empress Dowager commanded a banquet to the Foreign Ministers about two years ago we have had the honour and pleasure of meeting and conversing with your Highness and great ministers. Hearing of her Majesty's gracious commands in regard this we presented our felicitations to the Empress for her great virtue and ability in ruling China for thirty years through the Frince and Ministers. And all the Foreign Ministers in Peking, highly appreciating her Majesty's efforts in the cause of international friendship, have felt much gratified. From then till now this friendship has been increasing. On the former occasion we were invited to a banquet on the Empressiregent's retiring from the government ; now it on account of the young Emperor desiring personal intercourse with the foreign ministers. His Majesty's Edict, stated that all the Foreign Ministers were able and friendly, strengthening the bonds of international relations, and the ministers) felt grateful for this gracious compliment. Yesterday we had the honour of seeing the Emperory and as this is to be an annual ceremony, it is in full accordance with the Empress Regent's desire for cementing internstional relations; and the Emperor's Edict in regard, to perpetual friendship leaves no doubt .as to the intention of China. This is what all we ministers believe and teloice to promote. Today having been invited to your banquet we are exceedingly pleased and beg of you to convey our thanks, and we pray for the welfare of the Emperor, his family and nation, and the increasing prosperity of the nation, mandaring and people of the Chinese Empire.

" REPLY OF PRINCE CHING, WILLIAM IS Your speech to day shows that you all fully appreciate our Emperor's sincere desire for your thanks to the Emperor. It has been great pleasure to me to meet you and converse with your in obedience to the Emperor's commands: Hereafter foreign relations shall be still more cultivated, .. for .. nothing cisomore desirable....It is my wish that the Emperors, Empresses and Presidents of your respective by the Tsungli Yamen on March 8th, 1891. | countries may have long life, and that their nations: may prosper and that you all may prosper in all things,-Chinese Times.

SAVIEGESOQCHOWINGS IN

FOR (PROMOUR OWN CORRESPONDENT) HOLD 12th March, 1891. talents of Her Majesty, and to point out that the I to-day, a pageda-like building, standing in the falung did as he has often done before hung up I ou in Junks, -'N/Cl'Dally News, tor the

barquet then offered to the foreign Representation S.E. part of the city near the Foo gate. Its the names of the caught young Tartars on the called, it the "ink pageda." It looked very much like a stick of black, ink standing on end,

> There is a tradition to this effect; many years ago a learned expositor of geomancy declared that this building was necessary to make the influences of wind and water (fing shui) favourable. "Here," said he, pointing to the twin nagodas, " are the pencils," and, pointing to a I pool in front of the prefectural examination hall, he cried. "there is the ink stone." Assuming an air of profound wirdom, he proceeded to prove that something should be provided to represent the ink. A very wealthy family, which is, and for some centuries has been, represented in the highest circles of efficial rank, provided the money, and the ink pageda was built.

It was bornt this morning. This is the time of the year when the people go to the pagoda to worship the god of Literature. It is supposed that it was set on fire by an enterprising bird. catcher who knew that the place was opened early in the morning. He went, with a torch, into the upper part of the building to eatch the pigeons which breed there unmolested. roof, which is very wide and heavy, was harnt'by flames which the native five engines could not reach, and fell with a great crash, partly within and partly without the four blick walls that formed the building, scattering about that which we consider as His Majesty's live all round. The burning timbers that fell on the outside of the walls were soon drenched with ligors ope affer another, four of them, till there was nothing else to burn. Several thousands of people stood around the walls that enclose the temple and watched the flames-all, firement included, about as helpless as children. The keeper of the place and the early-rising birdcatcher were beaten with a thousand blows each -N. C. Daily News.

·CHINKIANG.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Much excitement has been created here among

his life. The "strained relations" between the | would seem to be the Chinese Imperial Customs Chinese and Tartars was relieved by the arrival who are opening the port; not even a Union from Nanking on Monday of several liang of Jack having arrived to take part. troops. I have been informed that the rascals who caused the riot. (the Chinese call it Ki-yan cho:fan) have been kept in custody, nothwithstanding the attempt made to rescue them, but the leader of the party has never been. caught. On the person of one of the band a secret society flag was found, but H.B.M. Consul, Mr. Carles, to whose courtesy I am indebted for most of these facts, thinks that his carrying it was mere braggadocio. The Chinese, how-'ever, say that there are a large number of Ko Lao Hui among the Tartars in the city. Great indignation is felt among the law-abiding people against the Tah-Is, as the Manchus are dubbed, and no surprise would be felt if the natives drove them from the city. They maitreat the people. They ride at breakneck speed through the streets to the imminent danger of little children, though this fact must be tempered by another one, namely that the writer has seen a foreigner in Chinkiang do the same thing. "Who killed your goat? "Oh, a chi jin," he replied. "We don't want any of these officials," effirmed another.

lately in closing up brothels and gambling hells. | Chinese houses, which with fresh couple of men, and the issue of several proclamations, when 'peace will reign in Warsaw' until some slight provocation arise when the turbulent. element will break out again and the excitement of living in China will be enhanced. In this event you will doubtless hear more about the Tartars, provided that the roof remains on your correspondent's house,

(PROM' A CORRESPONDENT.)

2. Periodically the worthy citizens of this city secret societies are at work.

the neck and marched them off to the station. We steps by the support of sticks. became anxious to get rid of these unpleasant . After all it appears it is only the Taotal who customers ; but the falung and the chinhelen is opening the port to-day, and the foreign seemed to be tripping over each other's heels in Customs, sespecting the Sabbath, only move their reluctance, or exgerness, to have the hand- down to their office, and begin work to-morrow. ling of them. At length, brave rulers of an No one seems greatly interested. Even the inoffensive race, they dared to throw the dagger | Chungking merchants, who were full of height down and carry, off the recalcitrant prisoners, hopes, when steamers were supposed to be under the escort of a few regiments of cavalry coming treat the matter as of little interest, now The temple of the god of Literature was, till and infantry, finked by field guns. The sincers that all traffic must still continue to be carried

peculiar shape, that of a quadrangular black | barrack wall, as banished from the ranks of shift ilsing about a hundred, feet from the | bannerming and so they were handed over to the ground, and its standing alone at some distance I tender mercies of the Asiene . Then a hundred or from other buildings, made it a marked object two of the quartier Manchus took up their guns well known to all the Soochow reople. Foreigners and battered the local yame that is supposed to watch over their special interests, for allowing a reigning-dynasty Tartar to be dealt with by the miserable sons of Han. The fature sent to the hsien, saying, "Give me back my lambs that l may deal with them in mine own way 😬 and the haien telephoned back "Not so, brother fatung; thy lambs were found in company with, and descindant a gaol-bird wolf, who positively had the rebel flig in his boat. Wait till the Taotai returns." For, as usual, the Taotai was

> So things stand at present; the bannermer thicatening to sack the Asien's and Taotai's yamens if the prisoners are not released; Chinese troops thrown into the yameas to defend hom; 200 men called up hastily from the small garrison of the Tungmat'ou fort below, and a coup'e of deputies (?) arrived post haste by steam launch late last night from Nanking, to enquire; the Chinese all in a flatter of exaggerated rumours : some surmising that it is not bannermen rescuing bannermen, but the whole force of secret societies vising to show that their leaders are not to be meddled with with impunity. Quite a storm in a basin .- N. D. Daily News.

> > CHUNGKING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

March 1st.

"The month that hares go mad in " has come at last, and one of these next days it is to be supposed the Foreign Ministers are to be presented to the Emperor of China, and the great Audience Question of the past to be for ever settled, and meanwhile here in the Far West an event is taking place the discussion and anticipation of which have filled column upon column of the London Times. For to-day as far as can be ascertained in the place itself. Chungking is to be added to the number of open ports. The matter has been important enough to have been mentioned in the Chefoo Convention, and again to have a supplementary treaty about it last March concluded in Peking, and since ratified by our Foreign Office at home. But the British the Chinese since the 11th. Five out of six Minister does not appear to take any active Manchu roughs who have for some time past interest in the matter, nor here on the spot been behaving in a very disorderly manner, and can we learn that the British Government for whom a warrant of airest had been is sued by has anything to do with it, although the the magistrate, were seized and carried to jail port has been opened at its instigation. with their friends. They made a determined No consular representative will take any part resistance and not until soldiers came to help in the ceremonial, whatever it may be. For it could the arrest be effected. The next day under I does not seem even to have been distinctly laid a strong guard of about thirty men the coiprits I down what is the correct ceremonial on the were carried into the city to the magistrate's opening of a port. One Consul once upon a vamen. This official conferred with the Tartar | time after long and serious cogitations decided General and the five men were given a thousand it was the right thing to don a frock coat and top blows each with the bamboo. Meanwhile the hat, and so attired towalk through the Concession, friends of the prisoners, to the number of about | announcing that the port was now open. But three hundred, had assembled at the city temple, I this method bardly seems, practicable, where as Shing Wong Miu. vowing vengeance on the in Chungking there is no Concession, though hien and tulung. On the 13th they proceeded to nowhere would a Concession seem more a the yamen of the General, wrecked the wall and | necessity for, the safety of Europeans than in part of the premises, and put the city in an up- this remote port, with all the Yangisze gorges roar. The magistrate fled with his family to the interposed between it and the rest of the world, Taot'ai's yamen, where two hundred regular not to speak of the yet greater need for it on the troops from Paokai-shan were sent to protect him score of health. Nor would this method seem against the fury of the Manchus, who threatened | practicable, where, as in the present case; it

The Customs' staff are fortunate in being

installed in about the loveliest site in the city.

just below the Archery Ground, so close to the

walls that they can get out upon them at once for a stroll, and with a very pretty garden commanding a glorious view of this truly beautifulto look upon-city. But I fear their quarters are anything but healthy, indeed what Chinese house is really so? And this does not seem a healthy place although no city, unless it be Edinburgh, can compete with Chungking, and its adjoining city of Chinng Pel across the Little river, as the Kiasing River is generally called here, for beauty of situation; but its streets are all steps, and: as all the water used in the city has to be carried up at least 240 steps from the river, before it enters the city gates, there is naturally not overmuch cleaning done. Chairs which are extraordinatily good and clean here. are the nearly invariable way of getting about, with the exception of the dear little Kueichow ponies with their scarlet saddles and strings of bells, and certainly the streets are not tempting for walking. All . The Tant'u magistrate has been very active the missionaries have very pleasing looking In re the latter an editorial recently appeared in | and whitewash and boarded floors look delightyour Chinese contemporary the Shen-bao: the fully clean, as well as emizently picturesque. Chinese generally approve the course he has | What makes the Szechuan houses so pretty, is taken. The rowdies object. Through the that they all show outside and inside their dark efforts of Mr. Carles he has issued a proclama- wooden framework, having the interstices filled tion, posted in the city gate, ordering all carriers up with lath and plaster. The decorations are of Fun buckets to provide covers, in order that I in the usual Chinese taste, though if anything a the health of the community may be preserved. little more abundant than usual. The hills This gives promise of greater and better things, around are covered with really elegant burial but we would advise all holders of Cologne | grounds, beautiful cypresses, Guilds' countrybottles to keep them for awhile yet, as even good houses, tea-houses, pavilions, etc., etc., till one magistrates' proclamations savour largely of the | begins to understand how the whole population You ki ming mo ki sat, and if the reader of Chi- seems to talk of nothing but schwaing, which I nese notices wishes to see this one he will be understand to be pleasuring. Yesterday we obliged to do so through a number of uncovered | lunched in a most elegant pavilion about four buckets just underneath the order, awaiting trans- | miles from the city on the way from Futukuan, poration by the uncovered coolies who are resting | the fortified city built to protect the narrow neck a bit in the gate. An unright man if he fears the of land possibly half a mile wide, that foins to "laughter of fools" will have a hard time of it the adjacent country the peninsula on which anywhere, and the hien of Tant'u, who is upright | Chungking is situated. There were two small (in his way), deserves the sympathy of the public | magnolias literally covered with lovely creamy in his environment. The outcome of the recent | blossoms, and a pink camellia bush also in "rebellion" will probably be the removal of the I flower. On the way to it the full trees were in magistrate to another post, the beheading of a blossom, white, and deep pink, and the Chinese carrying umbrellas against the already powerful sun. The thermometer has been over 70 deg. I for some days past. We looked about upon a specially tasteful family burial ground with its rows of cypresses, its round stone table for funeral feasts in the middle, and tall columns each surmounted by a lion at each of the lower corners of the four-square enclosure. A funeral band with mourning white bandages round their heads performed from time to time on what seemed like solemnised bagpipes and cymbals. It sounded pretty enough in the distance. The I up-river breeze blew through our preity payilion. alarm themselves in a magnificent way. They and of the three views it commanded, for one side discern indubitable evidences that within a few I was enclosed, it was hard to tell which was the years-none know how soon-this is to be the prettlest. On the way out we met a man with nucleus for the second Taiping Rebellion, and four beautiful pigeons crowded together in a small with calm consistency point to the petty troubles | cage. They were evidently being taken out to with the Manchu inhabitants as proof that the | be taught to fly home, and for our benefit were released-one made a wide circle before flying The other day the mack was tracked a supposed off to the distant town, but another with two Ko-jso-bul head-thief who was in company with | whistles on its back flew off straight, making a a few young Manchus to an opium-shop in our | melodious sound. Young men were flying kites concession, a shop which, by the way, appears of many graceful shapes; some like Chinese to be rather a favourite haunt of these young ladles of long ago, some like ichneumons (the gentlemen. They refused to come down. Soldiers Insect, not the beast), and some like the beautiful were sent, yet listened they not to their charming. White river gulls. And everywhere along the Then a couple of Municipal peclers walked stone-paved Chengtu road we met Chinese upstairs and took the whole lot by the scruff of women inicely dressed, aiding their tottering

THE PUNIOM AND SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The fifth ordinary half-yearly meeting shareholders in the above named Company was he'd at the Company's office, this afternoon (31st ulto.) for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts to the 30th September, 1800. There were present:-Messis. J. Orange (Chairman), D. Gilles, T. E. Davies, (Directors); A. S. Cohen, F. A. Gomes, F. Mchts, M. Daver, E. Georg, G. Holmes, H. G. James, Geo. Fenwick, and several others.

The Chairman said-Gentlemen, as the report has been sent to all shareholders I will, with your pe mission, take it as read. With reference to the accounts, I would explain that in liabilities, \$15,035.92, the balance of £5,000, part payment for Jalls Block, is accounted for as follows: -The total receipts were \$29,296.40 of which \$927.15 were London Office and legal expenses. \$13.333.33 were paid to the promoters of the new Company, leaving the balance in our favor of \$15,035.92. With regard to the debt due to us on the 30th September by the Penjom Pahang Gold Company amounting to \$29,772.79, this sum is larger new as this Company had practically to keep on the Jalis Mine expenses on behalf of the London Company till the last remittances from England. We cannot say exactly what the debt now is as we have not received the accounts from the Mines later than Innuary-it was then \$33,000. This position of affairs cannot be allowed to continue and, as mentioned in the report, if you approve notice will be given to the Landen Company that after a difinite date if the whole debt be not settled the Jalis Block will be resumed and immediate proceedings taken against the Company I think that our interests are safe in the hands of Messrs. Ewart and Brodie who do not seem at all disposed to give much grace, to the guarantors of the capital. The last letter received from Mr. Brodle says that "judgment has been obtained against one of the largest guarantors, and the Solicitor was instructed to proceed with all possible vigor, and that the Directors can do no more than they are now doing to get the money out of there defaulters." report has been received from Mr. Blamey, who is in charge of the prospecting operations, and he seems to be satisfied with the indications at Gubau, a large body of quartz having a good appearance and carrying gold in fair quantities being met with. It is hoped that this will prove to be a reef, and further work is going on there. Some samples of Gubau stone have been washed, and prospects 3 ounces to the ton. At Jalis the Robey engine is now being fixed to cope with the water which is too much for the present pumping power. The work to be carried on at Jalis will consist chiefly of continuing the galleries both at the 50 and 110 feet levels and driving Cross Cuts so as to more thoroughly explore the large deposit of gold bearing material. Mr. Becher is anxious to commence a new shaft and will do so if funds are remitted regularly, which, with the last encouraging reports sent home, will I trust be the case. A telegram received yesterday from Singapore informs us that water has been pumped out of the mine and work is being pushed at the 110 feet level. Before moving the adoption of the report and passing of accounts, I will be glad to hear the remarks of any present, and I would ask you not to discuss now the question of raising fresh capital which can be more conveniently discussed at the Extraordinary Meeting which will follow.

There were no questions so the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. as presented. Mr. H. G. James seconded and it was carried unanimously.

At this juncture in the proceedings the Chairman announced that the extraordinary meeting would be held in the course of five minutes. A few more shareholders dropped in, and after waiting fully ten minutes, during which the Secretary was busy calculating the number of shares represented by the shareholders present, the Chairman said :- I am sorry there are only 24,400 votes represented, personally and by proxy. The Articles of Association say that at least half the shares of the Company must be represented at any extraordinary meeting convened for the purpose of repealing or altering the said Articles. We will adjourn until this day week at 4 p.m.

Mr. William Legge-That will be mail day i Don't you think it better to adjourn to Wednesday week h

The Chairman-Yes, we will adj an until Wednesday week at 4 p.m., and I hop you wi endeavour to get others to come or send in their proxies by that time. The transfer books wil be re-opened from te-morrow for a week.

The meeting was then adjourned. The following is the report :-

The Directors beg to submit the Accounts for the half-year ending 30th September, 1890, from which it will be seen that the expenditure on working account was \$41,207 oz, and also shew the amount of \$20,771.37 due to us by the Penjom Pahang Gold Gold Company of London at that date.

These figures represent the cost of Explorator and Mining work done during that period on the Company's concessions. The reports of M. Becher and of Mr. Truscott annexed describe more in detail the various operations, and it wi be seen that, practically, no results have been gained from the prospecting at Punjom and a Sunghie-Dua beyond furthering the knowledge of the area of Concession.

The Directors do not think that, for the present at any rate, work should be continued a Sunghie Dua and have accordingly given notice to all employes, and work will cease there s the end of April. Endeavours will be made sell the Concession or to otherwise deal with the

A thoroughly experienced prospector from Australia, Mr. Blamey, arrived at Punjom at the beginning of February, and it is hoped that bette success will attend his exploratory work on th

Punjom block. Latest advices from mines report that Me Blamey has met with very encouraging indica tions at Gubau, a small vein being met wit leading towards numérous old Malay workings and a small washing plant has been sent to more thoroughly exploit the deposit.

Work is also going on to a limited extent at Glangga, which appears to give results worthy

of further exploration, It is with regret that the Directors have to report that the Penjom (Pahang) Company of London has failed to fulfil its obligations to this Company. The arrival of Mr. Brodie in London at the beginning of this year has helped Messrs. Ewart and Bell to take up a stronger position on the London Board, and legal steps were taken to force the guarantors of part of the Capital to settle their liabilities. Unfortunately the financial position of these gentlemen at the moment is not very strong, and our representatives have only succeeded up to the time of last advices in inducing one guaranter to pay the sum of £500 per month. Legal proceedings are being continued to force the payment to this Company of the large debt due, and our representatives have been instructed that so soon as the guaranter or the Company fails to pay this sum of £500, they may take immediate steps to force to the utmost the Peniem

(Pahang) Company, and we will resume posression of the Julia Mine. Also, it is felt that the sum of £500 per month is quite inadequate to carry on operations on a sufficient scale at Jalis, and therefore it is proposed to give the London Company notice that after a definite date (not to exceed six months from time of such notice) if the whole debt to this Company be not paid or arranged for to the satisfaction of our representatives and a proper working Capital subscribed, possession of the Jalis mine and Block will be resumed by this Company, and that they are authorized to take such legal

proceedings as they may think fit. After various break-downs to machinery, the Talas Mine has at length been freed from water and opened out. The shaft and galleries put into good order, and so tons of Ore were raised and milled, resulting in the gain of 18 oz. 14 dwts, of gold, or a little over 12 dwts, per ton.

With such an abundance of this grade of ore existing at Jalis, this prospect is exceedingly premising, and work should be vigorously continued on a large scale. Therefore the London Company cannot be permitted to retain possession of the Mine and trifle with the work indefinitely, and your Directors trust that you will

approve of their proposed course of action. The management at Punjom will be continued by Mr. Hardie who is also acting for the Penjom (Pahang) Company, and Mr. Blamey with necessary assistance will carry on prospecting work. Steps have been taken to terminate the engagements of our former employes, several of whom have been taken over by the London Company The Directors regret to report that the funds

of the Company are nearly exhausted, and it is therefore, proposed to raise \$60,000 in such manner as may be directed. In view of the probable event of resumption of work at Jalia on our own account, and in order to keep hold of the Concession, it would be deplorable if this Cornpany had to stop operations. It is therefore hoped that you will make every effort to raise the additional Capital required, so that we may be prepared, if the necessity arises, to carry on the work at Jalis. It must be remembered that cessation of work at the mine involves heavy additional expense in re-starting, as the mine would again be flooded to the great injury of the timbering of shaft and galleries.

The Agreement with Mr. H. M. Becher expires at the end of this month, and owing to our low state of finances and the limited sphere of our operations, it will not be continued; Mr. Becher, however, continues to act as Manager to the London Company.

The Directors wish to record their high join the Board, and he had great pleasure in proappreciation of the services of the representatives of the Company in London, Messrs, Ewart and Brodie. Mr. Ewart worked hard in our interest under unpleasant circumstances. Mr. Brodie is now devoting a great deal of time to the Company's affairs, and his knowledge of the locality and of our situation renders his services of the utmest value to us in the present

The Honourable C. P. Chater and Mr. W. H Ray have resigned their scats at the Board, and it is not proposed at present to fill the vacancies. The annexed accounts have been audited by Messrs. F. Henderson and R. Lyall.

> JAMES ORANGE. Chairman.

. Hongkong, 24th March, 1891,

IST APRIL 1890 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1890.					
Assets.	, ,				
To Cost of Estate	\$150,000.00				
" Machinery & Plant, Construction,					
Buildings at Punjom Samantan	57,145.63				
" Steam-Launch Florrie					
"Steam-Launch Sin Yum					
Lighters	1,793.07				
" Lighters	2,610.26				
" Saw Mill Plant	178.76				
Water Wheel	- 2,195.93				
. Instruments and Tools at Punjom					
and Samantan	· - 2,733.05				
" Stores	8,810.54				
Furniture at Office	580.88				
Furniture at Mines and Sunghie					
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" Hongkong Bank					
Singapore	2,928.44				
" Singapore " Cash at Pekan Agency	1,35 1.61				
. Malay Pahang Concession Com-	102 - 111				
pany					
" Sundry Debtors	_				
" Suspense	3,522 21				
" Accounts Receivable	2,279.32				
., Petty Cash					
James Morrison & Co	1,700.23				
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, Plant Cutting	213.27				
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, Live Stock	216.20				
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	" Punjom Office Expense,	
lo	" Police,	301.74
10	" Hotel and Hospital Expenses,,,	504.62
٠,	,, Allowances	257.50
m	General Expenses,	3,612,77
10	, Auditors' Fces	150.00
CT	Disbursements Sunghie Dus	8,793.78
10	" Loss on running Sin Yum	
••		155.81
,_	" Expenses, Launch Maude	14.00
r.	, Surveying Expenses	2,473 40
1-	" Travelling Expenses	2,347.13
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Hongkong, 24th March, 1801.

... Commission Charges Loss on Sale Launch Maude..... ... Exchange Compensation \$310,215.00 By Gold Licence,..... .. Interest " Profit Sale Gold Transfer Fees Godown Rent Suspense Profit Sale Opium 308,448.63 Balance \$310,215.00

We have compared the above Statement with the Books, Vouchers and Securities of the Company, and certify the same to be correct.

F. HENDERSON, Anditors.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY. LIMITED.

The fourth ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders of the above Company was held at the Company's office. No. 9, Praya Central, on the afternoon of the 31st ulto. There were presents-Messrs, J. W. Noble (Chairman), A. G. Gardon, H. J. Holmes, Chee Kum, Kwok Tye Chung (Directors), eight Chinese shareholders and J. V. P. Jesus (Secretary). "

The Secretary having read the notice conven ing the meeting.

The Chairman said the report for the six months ending the 31st December, 1890, had been in the hands of the shareholders for some time past, and had doubtless been read with interest by all present, so he thought the accounts might be safely taken as read. If the report had been carefully scrutinised by the shareholders, they would have observed that the Working Account had a much more healthy appearance than it had had in all previous reports, and it had enabled them to clear off the debit balance and look forward to better things. The expenses of the Company had been reduced to the lowest minimum, and if the Directors could not show a better report at their next meeting he for one would deserve their censure. That was all he could say, and he thought it was the most encouraging thing he could say. If there were any questions he would be glad to answer them to the best of his ability before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts.

There being no questions the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Ho Wai Hing seconded, and the motion,

on being put to the meeting, was carried. The Chairman proposed that "Mr. Chee Kum, who retired by rotation, be re-elected as a Director. and that Mr. Ho Fook be elected in the place of Mr. Kowk Tsze-chong, who did not wish to be

Mr. Gordon seconded. Carried. The Chairman said Mr. Holmes having returned to the Colony he had been invited to-

posing his election and also the confirmation of the election of Mr. Ho Fook. Mr. Chee Kum seconded and the motion was

the re-election of Messrs. R. Lyall and L. Downes | more money than we can help just now | not advance the boat much. Now our soldiers are as auditors, which was unanimously carried. Mr. Holmes proposed a vote of thanks to the

Chairman, who had worked successfully in the interests of the Company during the time he had been on the Board. He had not given them a lengthy address, but he had told them that there was every prospect of a much better report next time with the increasing business, and altogether the present report was in better tone than formerly. He thanked them all for his appointment and assured them he would always take great interest in the Company, and he hoped their efforts would be result in what the Chairman had predicted. The traffic at present was much better than formerly and he thought the prospects of the Company greatly improved.

The Chairman returned thanks and the meeting closed.

The following is the report:—

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Report and Statement of Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December, 1890.

After paying all running Expenses, Salarles, Repairs, and all other current out-goings including the items of \$692.58 standing at debit of the first six months of 1800, and \$680.60 paid on account of the Pattence collision case there remains a balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$1,280.30 and it is proposed to deal

with this amount as follows :--\$1,000 written off Extraordinary expenditure, and the balance of \$280.30 to be carried forward to new account.

The Working Account for the six months shows a profit of \$2,762.48 which is an improve ment on our previous reports.

Wharf and Kowloon is steadily increasing, and of little repasts whenever wanted. What else your Directors are considering the advisability is he there for? Nor do soufflds and pheasants of having larger and more commodious Launches | taste any the worse because the supply of fresh for the requirements of the trade.

improvement on the corresponding six months DIRECTORS.

Mr. A. G. Gordon has resigned, Messrs. Kwok Tsze-chong and Chec-kum retire

by rotation in accordance with the Articles of Association, and Mr. Ho Fook has been invited does not offer himself again. Mr. Chee-kum being eligible, offers himself for re-election. Colony has been invited to again join the board.

require confirmation. AUDITORS. Messrs, R. Lyall and L. Downes retire and

offer themselves for re-election. W. NOBLE. Chairman. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 31ST DECEMBER, 1800. Assels. Value of 7 Steam-launches..\$42,691.51 Extraordinary expensiture. 1,613.60

Sundry Debtors..... Accounts in the hand of Solicitors..... Hongkong Hotel 6 per cent. Debentores (12) Puralture 35 00 loss-sticks burnt at the atern. They also were Preliminary Expenses Account...... 924 40 stuck in an old shoe, or rather straw sandal this 21.14 time. Perhaps old shoes have a meaning like Cash on Hand Coal on Hand Stationery on Hand.....

\$70,045.57 Subscribed Capital:— 3,000 Shares at \$50.....\$100,000 of which \$30 on each Share has been paid up.....\$60,000.00; Sundry Creditors..... 8,765.27

WORKING ACCOUNT FROM 1ST JULY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1890, INCLUSIVE.

Profit and Loss Account\$ 2,762.48

Net Earnings of Steam-launches to date 3.....\$ 2,603.62 Transfer Fees Interest Account Net Coal Earnings Net Earnings on hired Launches \$ 2,762.48

> Amount brought forward from last statement Collision Expenses Account Auditors Fees Balance forward

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 31ST DECLMBER,

E. & O. E. A. G. GORDON & Co., LD.,

Amount brought forward from working

We have compared the above with the Books and Vouchers of the Company and have found the same in accordance. Auditors. LACEY DOWNES.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1801.

The eighth ordinary general meeting of shareholders was held at the office of the Company, Praya Central, on the afternoon of the 31st ulto, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, declaring a dividend. and electing a consulting committee and auditors. There were present :-- Messrs. W. H. Forbes (Chairman): D. Gillies, R. Shewan, W. S. Taylor, R. R. Thomson, C. A. Tomes, G. L. Watson, and others.

"The Chairman said:-Gentlemen, the report | an almost impossible rock-it is climbed at and accounts have been in your possession for least twenty times nearly every day-and dissome time and if you have no objection will engages the tow line, on which our lives are now be taken as read. The only feature in the depending. The camera is at full cock! And report that calls for remark from me is the recom- I then in sailor reaches in front of it, and the mendation of the General Managers that the moment is lost! But the boat hongs fire, and Company should take power to pay the dividend one tries again. Here there are women tracking. this year in scrip instead of in cash, it be- women with their hoof-like feet and loathly Mr. Holmes proposed and Mr. Gordon seconded | ing necessary to avoid parting with any | trousers, giving delicate little pulls that surely canowing to all the Company's available funds poling and hooking, with crimsoned faces and officials, civil and military, large and small. A being required to pay for the cost of the new, straining arms! Now we are through that race. steamer Esmeralda. As the proposal is fully and flying along in the eddy preparatory to the explained in the report before us I need not go | tug of war at the next rapid ! The trackers are into further details, but if the report and running ahead like a pack of beagles ! A side accounts as now presented be adopted and passed ravine becomes visible with a grand gateway. the resolutions as drawn up by the Company's | irresistibly recalling Coleridge's it like cliffs that solicitors, by means of which it is proposed to have been rent asunder." Then we gaze at carry out the scheme, will have to be submitted | caves, squared, and with fresh looking ladders to and confirmed at extraordinary meetings of | hanging from them, and understand that they sharcholders held later on. There is nothing to | are places of refuge for the husbandmen in the add of interest as regards the general business | houses opposite to retire into should danger of the Company, but before moving the adoption | threaten. Certainly they appear able to stand of the report and accounts I shall be happy to every siege there but that of hunger, answer any questions from shareholders.

There being no questions the Chairman accounts as presented.

Mr. Watson seconded, and it was carried unanimously. Mr. D. Gillies was re-elected a member of the Consulting Committee upon the motion

of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Tomes. "Messrs." I. H. Cox and T. Arnold were unanimously re-elected auditors upon proposition of Mr. Gillies, who was seconded by by Mr. R. Shewan.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

ON THE UPPER YANGTSZE.

Of all ways of travel surely boat travel is the most luxurious. It is accounted roughing it, That means that there is no bother about toilets. the easiest boots and gloves, the warmest and most comfortable of clothes. But that seems to be the whole of the "roughing" of it. For naturally each boat traveller takes care to start with a favouite chair and a comfortable bed, and it is The Day Ferry Service between Pedders' | the cook's business to provide the most recherche air is unlimited, and the cabin as cosy as nothing Hiring and General business show a decided but a perfectly well-built house, or a boat floating in water warmer than the surrounding air can be. We have a sleeping cabin and sitting cabin each oft, Ain. by 7st. 7in., the former well warmed by a most conveniently arranged kitchen adjoining with a plentiful supply of warm water for our travelling bath. Thus our only drawback is that the wind is always favourable, and whereas our lao-pan has to fill the place of Mr. Kwok Tsze-chong, who to pay us two tacls a day for every day over the agreed-upon 22 between Ichang and Chungking, we have to pay him two taels a day extra for Mr. H. J. Holmes having returned to the every day under. Nevertheless it is always pleasant to sail before the wind, and boat travel His appointment with that of Mr. Ho Fook taken thus is the delight of travel in essence divested of all its ennuis of thresome fellowtravellers, dust, steam, rush! Yet there is rushof such another sort! We ran upon a rock our first day in the gorges, and did not seem able | the grandeur of the scenery, now seen always to find a leak that night by the flickering under a leaden sky with a north-caster drivi alarmingly that we shortened sail, but that also | Ping Shu, Pao Halen and Bellows are certainly was soon made right, the sole of an old shoe the most solemn, and impressive, while the being nailed over the cracks. Old shoes seem | Wushun offers the most variety, and the Ichang -\$50,305.11 to have lasting power. We sailed on again gorge, though perhaps only because it is best before the favourable wind, that has carried us known, ever seems the friendliest. 16. from Ichang to Kucichow-fu, all through the Yangisze gorges, in less than a week. Perhaps | through the ruins of Helakuancheng, Liu Pel's '0,000.00 | some of our good fortune is owing to the three

> by people unimbued from their cradles with the profound truths of fing-shul. feet apart, deponent said not. But if he had hill, commanding the most picturesque view caused to be made, so that in the night course as it is New Year's Day, but it is surke took his soldiers, on pieces of wood stuck prising to find that even the smartest women are
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into these square holes, a rude but strong wooden ladder up the face of the eliff. naturally supposed to be inaccessible, and surprised the enemy, thereby conquering the kingdom of Shu. There, also, are the caves where men gather saltpetre at dizzy heights, climbing up to them by paths that make one hot to look at. Further on are the iron pillars on one side, and opposite the holes in the rock. between which chains were fastened so as to prevent the rebels from coming down in their vessels to attack the province of Hupeh. And then as we leave the gorge we see the temple to the memory of Liu Pel, who was there encamped, and slain when Meng Liang made his marvellous night attack. This forder-land teems with memories which the Chinese do not quickly forget. In Kueichow there is still a tablet to the wife of Liu Pel, over the well at the back of what is now the Prefect's yamen, where she drowned herself when her husband was slain nearly 2.000 years ago. But it is New Year's Eye, and even the boy says it is impossible for me to go into the city to see it to-day, and on to-morrow's festival it would be cruel to trouble our good soldiers to escort us. For we are travelling with boat, as escort, and the soldiers, as in all this admirably organised lifeboat service, are all day, and seeing our first sunset since we started, saffron in the west, was very magical. It seemed impossible ever to go back again to. one's friends. Why not sail for ever, since one

has once discovered the Ideal Life? "We know the merry world was round And we might sail for evermore."

But there are other moments, and moments oft repeated, when all is excitement and action. Wild shouts and wavings of arms encourage the 'steaming trackers. The water boils round the bows. The drum sounds. A man springs on to

We have passed rocks fluted like organ pipes. with the stones that have done the fluting still formally moved the adoption of the report and | held captive in them ; rocks freited almost into lace work by the action of the water, rocks weathered red, and grey, and to-day we saw a black mass, which we were told was harder than steel, yet it was gnarled and gnawn in rings. The strata now slope from east to west, just as on the other side of the gorges they sloped from west to east; thus, coming up stream, they no longer seem so menacing as before.

But here are the far-famed singing girls of Kuelchow with reed-like voices, and a man, very pale, with a face like Dante, for accompanyist on a pretty little viol, and the sound of merrymaking increases. Our soldiers have been cooking their pig's head nearly all the day. mandarin's boat moored next to us has a regular witches' cauldron full of the cock, that everyone has been carrying about these last few days, comb, legs and all, a pig's head, and several more most uncanny-looking bits of meat, Evidently our trackers, also, are enjoying a good feed outside. We have 20 lusty rogues, besides our boat's crew. And we are all moored in a tangled mass, so that there does not seem to be room for even one boat more to spend its New Year at Kuelchow-fu, There are joss sticks burning at our cabin door. Joss sticks were burnt over our pig's head in the gorge to-day, a cannon solemnly fired three times, and the cook prostrated himself as he offered the burnt offering. Now crackers are going off all round, and every man who has a chance has asked me if I do not think Szechuan the most beautiful country in the world. Even the lao-la, coming to hurry me this morning to photograph the entrance into the first Szechuan gorge; "Szechuan is beautiful," he says. So say all the men with white handkerchiefs bound round their brows, thus showing their Western

But it has all been beautiful, and wild, all grand since we entered the Land of Promise through the gate of the Ichang gorge. For those who love not nature in her wildest moods this is not the time of year to travel through the gorges. They should wait till spring has garlanded them all with flowers like a Mayfair ing enough in the Yangtere Rapids, but rushing | ball-room and perfumed the breezes with their fragrance. There is a certain sameness about light of a Chinese candle. But next day a bag i us on. But for those who admire precipice piled of damaged rice showed clearly where it was, I upon precipice, and rocks rent asunder, every and a little bit of cotton with some tallow made | sesson is the season for the gorges, when the it all right. After that our mast creaked so Niunkan gorge is perhaps the lovellest, but the o h .-- We have been wandering all this day

city. Bits of the wall remain and the gateway under the old drum tower, but it is a little hard to believe these data from 200 A.D. although all the people declare they do, and the boy begs 4,013 60 so many other things in China, not understood that they may be photographed. We piculced under a beautiful clump of trees looking down upon the grand rock mass, whose being covered Our voyage seems like a dream of childhood by the river is the sign for the Kucichow realised, a dream inspired by many readings of suthorities to forbid the passage of junks down Sinbad's marvellous voyages. At Ichang they river as too dangerous. This rock is supwere making merry over a disappointed globe- ported on three pillars, thus there are two trotter, who had been to see the Gorges, and 'arches to be seen beneath it, when the water price at the same place for the same article now came back disappointed, because they were not is low enough. The days of this grand perpendicular I Whether he insisted on their rocky mass standing in mid Yangtsze must be 200 per cent, in price, which is rather hard on descending perpendicularly to their winter water numbered, but it may last all our time yet. Balance of Profit and Loss Account., 1,20.30 line, or their summer water line, not seldom 60 We wandered through a lovely Temple on the Co, who may be able to give a dividend of 10 come on to the Bellows Gorge surely even he have yet seen down the Bellows gorge. Unlike must have been satisfied. The great Szechuen | most Chinese temples, this, the first Szechuen | the Kulping Company for 40.000 tons of coat. road, the one new road I have seen in China, is I temple I have seen, was really exquisitely kept, simply hewn out of the face of the apparently clean and well swept, with clean bright windows perpendicular rock that there arches over it. of many-coloured paper panes. The pilests were may be sent down to Shanghai in large quantities There on the southern side also are the square polite, the images freshly painted. We came holes in the rock, memorial of Chinese daring, down through a village, again all clean and which the celebrated General Meng Liang fresh as paint. Every-one is in good clothes of

ready to pose for photographs, and not at all too frightened to look into the camera themselves.

We longed to walk along the great Szechuan road, completed as far as the Hupeh frontier, 60 miles, at a reputed cost of 360,000 taels and really a road, though, as is said to be usual in Szechuan, it bas often long flights of steps; and several of its crossings over streams look doubtful. But the Chinese do not make roads sufficiently often to be great road-makers. Now Hupch has to continue this road through its gorges to Ichang and the great Lo, the Marquis of Carabas of these parts, has just been up to inspect and chalk O where the road is to go. If it is ever finished and ever lasts it will rival the Corniche Road for magnificence of scenery.-N. C

"CHINKIANG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT. 22nd March, 1891.

The Foreign residents here were very glad to see a gunboat again at last, and although that great luxury, a gunboat, that is also a life I the Linnet is not a very formidable affair at best, her presence close at hand will serve to reassure the more timid amongst us. There is no excellent fellows, whether for handling an I doubt that we have a very rowdy native element oar or for keeping back the crowd. They seem in our midst, and I am credibly informed positively to delight in carrying the camera, that the Concession is crowded daily with or in posing for a foreground, evidently admiring. bad characters. Besides it has been a matter their own clothes very much and being very, of frequent comment here lately that many anxious to know if we can read the characters of the Chinese regard foreigners as they upon them. But for this gunboat, which sails passuto and fro with anything but friendly faster than our qua-tite and can put us ashore eyes, and frequently behave towards them in anywhere, we should have been deprived of a very insolent manner. But "wicked looks nearly all our interesting walks, for our boat has breaks nonebones? and I am glad to say sailed on and on even into the night. Sailing that everything here remains quiet at present, through the never-ending Wushan gorge ever The working of the Linnel's electric search light following White Wings before, a beautifully last night attracted a great number of natives to appointed junk, that had kept just ahead of us the Bund, and we hope they were properly impressed by the sight.

The river steamers Chang-on and Ella will discontinue going alongside the hulk Ortiss to discharge freight and passengers, but will anchor above Garlic Hill in future. This will entail a loss to their respective owners. The Chang-on was becoming quite a favourite, being almost one of the fastest of her class on the river.-Shanghai Mercury.

(FROM, OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

6th March 1891. - At last we are privileged to report a slight stir in Customs matters in this place. On March and occurred the formal opening. The previous day had been selected by the Taotai as especially auspicions, but had been objected to because it fell on a Sunday. a There were present all the spread had been provided for the Chinese guests. The Commissioner and his staff had been invited to partake but had prudently declined to tempt Providence in matters gastronomic.

'In the meantime the necessary instructions have not arrived from Peking and matters still remain *in statu duo*. It is thought that the real opening for business will be about April 1st. A place has been rented for offices in the lower part of the city and the outdoor staff will soon occupy temporary quarters in a temple across the river. Permanent quarters will probably be obtained soon on the right bank of the Yangtere opposite Liming-fu. Already changes in the force have occured. Mn-Stebbins has been recalled by telegram to Ichang, and Dr. J. H. McCartney, of the Methodist Mission here, has received the

appointment as Customs doctor. This port is at present favoured with a visit from the author of "Through the Yangtsze Gorges" and his wife. The latter is the first lady tourist to penetrate these western wilds. -We-doubt-not-her-enthusiastic descriptions of the scenery, etc., would attract many more except for the difficulties of travel.

No doubt many of your readers will be interested to know something of missionary labours here. Chungking has at present a resident population of twenty-nine adults and five children, all but seven of this number being of the missionary body. This numbers is posten considerably increased by the visits of those passing through. There are located here the China Inland, the London. and the Friends' Missions, and the Methodist Episcopal of America. None of these missions except the first have yet extended their work beyond Chungking. During the last nine days of the Chinese year there were held union native meetings with an average attendance of about

The missions have had an encouraging growth during the year. The number of communicants is about 100 and of probationers about half as many.: The Methodists have recently completed a large brick chapel with a seating capacity of 400, and are about to lay the foundations of a hospital .-- N. C. Daily News.

TIENTSIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) · Tientsin, March 17th. Yesterday, His Ex. Sheng, Customs Taotai of Chefoo, arrived here in a Chinese gun-boat, and

made a call on His Ex. Li Hung-chang. The gold mines floated last year by influential Chinese at Chefoo have turned out a white elephantic Southave the Jehol silver imines. Both were lauded by the Chinese Times. They are situated about 30 miles out of the right place. Two of the engineers who came out from the United States to work the mines have left. They, I am told, declare the mines won't pay to work, add yet all; the machinery has been put up. This is another blunder, and the interesting thing to learn now would be who, is responsible for it. . The whole thing will naturally be laid at the doors of the foreigners connected with it.

As I write, a heavy gale is blowing from the North, accompanied by snow, which has now been falling for some time, so that the surrounding country is all white. Notwithstanding this the Hain-yu has managed to get up to the Bund with the greyhound she won so gallantly on her first trip this season displayed on her foremast, She leaves at to a.m. to-morrow. of The loan of Tis, 200,000, raised by the

Foodbow Treasurer from the Foodbow Customs and iwhich is repayable on a silver basis in tenyears at 7 pericent, was a negotiated by a German firm in your port for the Deutsche Asiatische Bank and the Deutsche Bank, Berlin, Before last year's floods Kalping dust coal was sold at the pit's mouth at Tis. z. Bo per ton. The

is Tis. 2.86 per ton. Fuel has risen all round the poor people, but a good thing for the Kniping per cent to their shareholders this year. It is said the China Merchants have contracted with and therefore the prospects of the Company for the coming year are very bright, and their coal In the Company's it steamers, - Shanghaf Mercury round risustanting to the contract

The Kongkong Celegnaph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1891.

THE LAND JOBBERS CHECKMATED.

BETTER late than never! A notification in the Government Gazette of Saturday last states that the attention of the Governor has been called to various cases of default in the performance of covenants entered into on the purchase of Crown lands, and that as a matter of justice no less to the have been compelled to fulfil their obligations, his Excellency has deemed it expedient to place the matter in the hands of the Crewn Solicitor, with a view to the equal enforcement agreements upon all sales of Government This is all very well, but why his Excellency allowed such lengthened period to elapse—Sir WILLIAM DES VOUX assumed the duties of Governor of this colony in 1887—before taking decided action in what has been generally recognised as a grave public scandal for many years? Who called the Governor's referred to in the official notification, and for what special purpose? What are these various cases, and who are the persons responsible forhaving broken the contracts entered into with the Government when the land was originally purchased? Are we once again on the borders of another gigantic official job with all its attendant meannesses? It looks remarkably like it. After four years' service in Hongkong Governor DES VOEUX informs the colony

officially that his attention has been called to various cases of default in the covenants entered into on the purchase of Crown lands, and we say "better late than never;" but during these four years this journal, on at least half a dozen separate occasions, has forcibly directed the notice of the Head of the Executive to the shameless manner in which certain land jobberswere permitted at the public expense to evade their legal obligations—and yet no steps were taken. Is it to be assumed that nothing but selfinterest, or that baneful subserviency to local authority so shamefully conspicuous amongst the self-appointed upper circles, can move the Autocrat of Government House to decided action? Again we say, It looks remarkably like it.;

The covenants referred to by the Governor are plain even to simplicity. Purchasers of Government lands—that is an easy method of describing lands belong ing to the colony of Hongkong-, were bound by contract to erect certain buildings on their properties within a certain stipulated period under pain of ferfeiture. In some notorious cases, to which we have frequently directed attention, these stipulations were quietly, ignored, and apparently with the acquiescence of our most puissant and immaculate Government. Land jobbers purchased every available spot of ground in Hongkong and Kowloon that was likely to become valuable, and in the particular cases to which we are now specially alluding, certain lots were allowed to lie fallow malgre the contract with the Government, and to become valuable by lapse of time and the enterprise of the owners of neighbouring owners, who were placing their purchases to the legitimate purposes for which they were acquired. Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP Is, of all men in this colony, the most competent to explain to Governor Drs Vœux the true meaning of the term "unearned increment." He can also probably explain why he has been permitted, all these years to ignore the conditions under which leases were granted for Government lands purchased by him and which he still holds, although non-fulfilment of contract, if it means anything, must have been intended to mean absolute forfelture. Perhaps Sir William DES Votux will accept our suggestion and consult Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP? He could not interview

a better informed or more reliable man, It would be most interesting to know who put the wheels of Government House in motion in this matter. Perhaps the Hon. Mr. Ryriz, the Hon. Dr. Ho Kar, or the Hon. Mr. WHITEHEAD, can see his (or their) way to an interpoliation on this question which so vitally affects the taxpayers of the colony! We don't include as a representative of public interests the Hon. Mr. KESWICK, as he only represents himself in the Legislative Council, and he does even that badly—a feeble man of "ifs" and "buts" who would doubtless be an ornament to a millinery establishment, but is very much, out of place where the affairs of a great community like Hongkong are vitally concerned. Had the Hon. (and now absent) Mr. C. P. CHATER anything to do with putting the Governor on the scent in this new crusade? Such appears to be the general opinion in wellinformed circles, and if that opinion is substantially founded, we want his Excellency to tell us all about the why and wherefore, He is bound to do that, unless he thinks himself not merely the Governor but the Czar and Autocrat of Hongkong.

The Wharf and Godown Company erected sandy lots, which attracted an immense. shipping business, and naturally the taxation on these active factors of commerce amounted to a considerable sum annually; Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP'S reservation was kept carefully secluded; nothing was

its value and he was centent to wait. He may, from a purely (Hongkong)

trammelled by any ridiculous stipulations -, but what concerns us chiefly is why the Government allowed such a direct evasion of the contract under which this gentleman became the owner of such a valuable seafrontage! The old, old story, we suppose! We can't afford to be more explicit; the risk of an action at law or a criminal prosecution for libel is altogether too gruesome a contingency to contemplate with equanimity under existing circumstances. There may be lots of law in Hongkong,—at all events there are plenty of lawyers—but justice is a scarce commodity. And legal robbery is the worst form of the article. But to resume our tale. The Wharf and Godown Co. paid general public than to those persons who heavy rates and taxes for their Kowloon lots; the philanthropic "Granny" allowed the active operations going on alongside to make his "spec" valuable; but he didn't pay taxes and he had not fulfilled the terms of his covenant with the Government. And yet the Surveyor-General, or the Superintendent of Police, or the Clerk of Councils, or the Inspector of Baths and Wash-houses-or somebody, didn't interfereuntil the other day, when Governor DES Vaux tardily recognised, at somebody's instigation, that as a matter of justice to the public, as well as to those who had been compelled to fulfil their legal attention to the various cases of default obligations, it was time this cheerful little game was stopped. And we are glad that his Excellency, never mind by what means, has been induced to tackle what for years has been recognised as a glaring injustice. At the recent meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, Mr. GRANVILLE Sharp, an unmistakably clover man and an orator of distinguished ability, in referring to the "bust-up" condition of money to the railway employes, but as it was speculative Hongkong, said-" We have whispered it"—the truth, which Hongkong has always lacked the pluck to speak aloud-" again and again among ourselves, and we have smiled and pocketed the money. We have smiled and pocketed the money, and that contrary to warnings from one and another. Were Mr. Granville Sharp's references

TELEGRAMS:

to smiling and pocketing the money

intended to have a special application in

regard to the scandal which Governor

DES Vœux' latest official notification is

intended to pulverise?

THE CZAREWITCH. (Special to the Hengkong Telegraph.)

CANTON, 31st March, 1891. The Czarewitch and suite will leave Hongkong for Canton per China Merchants' steamer Klang-Awan on Sunday morning, arriving here during the afternoon. His Imperial Highness and Prince George of Greece will be entertained by M. Imbault Huart, Consul for France; the rest of the party, it is expected, will put up at the Shameen Hotel.

The China Merchants' Company has placed the Klangkwan at the disposal of the Czarewitch and suite.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE members of the Hongkong Sketching Club and their chef-d'auvres were on view at the City work has been produced since the Glub hadits last exhibition, and it may also be added some very indifferent too. It is very creditable, though, that many of the paintings shewn could actually have dispensed with their explanatory labels.

WE are requested by the Agents of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to state that Captain Marshall, of the Company's steamer Empress of India, will be glad to see the members of the Hongkong Community and others on board his vessel on Saturday next, from 3 to 6 p.m. Steamlaunches for the convenience of those visiting the vessel will be provided between the above named hours, from Pedder's Wharf.

THE correspondence relating to the boat-race on Easter Monday reached us too late for publication last night. We shall deal with the questions at issue to-day; but may state that, after carefully perusing the details, we consider the dispute a mere storm in a tea-cup. The Umpire's decision, on the face of it, is absurd. and can never be maintained. If the men in Stewart-Lockhart's boat claim the victory without rowing again, they ought to be pilloried. We really cannot imagine what Mr. John Andrew, who knows something about the rules of boat-racing, can have been thinking about when he gave such an idiotic decision.

WE have been courteously informed by the Russian consul at this port that the Crarewitch is expected to arrive here at about o o'clock on Saturday morning next, in the yacht Pamiai Asoua, which will be accompained from Saigon by the ironclads Vladimir Monomach and Admiral Nakhimoff, and the cruisers Mandjur and Koreyets. The Czarewitch will remain on board the Pamias Anova until about two o'clock p.m. when he will land and call at Government House, returning to his ship shortly afterwards. He will leave for Canton in the Klanghwan on Sunday morning, where he will exchange courtesies with the Viceroy, Li Hanchang. The Mandjur and Korsysta will accompany the Kianghwan as far as Whampon, and thence she will be escorted to the City of Rams | failed to remember to forget the little dog, by a flotilia of Chinese gunboats. After a stay | the likeness would have been perfect. As of two or three days in Canton, the Crown Prince will go on to Foochow, where it is expected he will personally inspect the hongs Innes, one might as well hope to see Punand factories of Russian merchants at that port. joms boom up to \$100, or any other impossible From Foochow the Czarewitch will proceed event occur. In fact he walked through the part direct to Hankow.

A RATHER daring robbery occurred at the tion of having to chew bread for young parrots. Hongkong Hotel last night (31st ultimo), This noble Thespian ought to blacken his face the Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP bought a small when a thief entered one of the rooms and piece of ground situated somewhere stole over \$3,000 worth of jewellery and stage. Mr. E. G. Young's Caleb Descie was about between the wharf at Tsim-tsa-tsol (Kow- Blacklock, who are now living in the hotel, disagreeable character can be made. The loon) and the Wharf and Godown's The thief, it appears, climbed up a scaffolding perennial smile that hovered on and about immense property on the opposite peninsula. exected on the northern side of the building, him throughout the performance would have scrambled on to the verandah, along which he under any circumstances been a sufficient magnificent wharves and gode was on their must have walked, and passing one room that was justification for a personal assault. Captain locked entered No. 22, of which the door was ajar. Clayton essayed Our Mr. Yenkins with a The lewellery was chiefly in a Gladstone hand- moderate amount of success, playing the combag, which also contained eight £20 Circular | mercial traveller rather naturally, but he failed Notes. The affair was reported to the Police to get that necessary amount of humour out of or private purposes; the owner sleeping last night in the workmens' shed on the Although the part is but a small one, Mr. Hongkong Hotel annixs, where the new wing is Mitchell, who is an actor of more than ordinary in course of crection, in whose possession attainments, acted it thoroughly and in a most fragments of some of Mr. Blacklock's private natural manner. On the performances of the letters-which were in the Gladstone hand-bag ladies it is unnecessary to dwell. Mrs. Jerrard philanthropic standpoint, have been amply -were found, were arrested this alternoon on as Mrs. Cups spoke her lines frosty and well. justified - modern philanthropy is not suspicion of velog concerned in the robbery. Dut longer to act, while Mrs. Robbins as Leity and 3119 per chare, sellers.

THE wreck of the Nanzing, as she lies at Yechow in Lema Island, will be sold by public auction on Saturday the 4th instant, at 3 p.m., to h ladies were charmingly dressed and looked at Mr. Armstrong's Auction Rooms.

THE C.P. steamer Empress of India came out of the Admiralty Dock, Kowloon, yesterday morning and made fast to a buoy in the centre. of the harbour. She is advertised to sail for Vancouver via Shanghal on the 7th inst.

THE statistics of cases treated etc., at the Alice Memorial Hospital during the month of March are as follows :--

In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st March 67 In-Patients admitted to Hospital during March 63

Total number treated as In-Patients 130

Of these there were: Discharged cured...... 37 Discharged on other grounds...... 6 Died in Hospital n-Patients remaining in Hospital on 11st

Out-Patients, return visits 456 Total number of Out-Patient visits. Operations......3 Vaccinations.....45

Dental cases..... 4

Casualty cases o

April.....

THE Czarewitch has had a jovial time in Java where it is presumed he was entertained in accordance with his own tastes, for prior to his' departure he condescendingly admitted that he was much pleased with what he had seen it that land of muddy canals and cholera germs. He is reported to have given a "Waterbury" of the first chop to one official; a scarf-pin and a ring to two others. He also presented a sum of too small to bear division by even th finest laws of arithmetic it was eventually devoted to a local charitable institution, but to the police he gave his royal nod only. While in Batavia he and his suite attended performance of the "Sleeping Beauty," which was given for their special delectation by the Stanley Contingent, and it was unanimously, Tu-tung, who had the offenders' names struck agreed that nothing of a similar nature had ever yet been seen in Muscovy. Boss Stanley was invested with the order of Saint Stanislaus and had an open invitation given him to visit Moscow, with all his forces, whenever he chooses. The Czarewitch also indulged in a crocodile hunt—the reptiles having been previously trained for the purpose. Four were alain, and one of them had the good fortune to die by the hand o H. I. H. himself, and will forthwith be packed off

ALBERY'S "TWO ROSES" BURLESOUED AT THE CITY HALL.

For some time past the Amateur Dramatic

to Russia to be canonized. Happy crocodile !

medium of the local press that an original refused to do, I am told, a guard of 200 comedy styled the "Two Roses" was about to be produced in the Theatre Royal; and as there was no circus in the town night (31st ultimo), we meandered along to witness the representation of this 'Original Comedy.' Why 'original' in this particular instance is perhaps not worth while stopping to inquire, but as to the comedy'well, the most dismal burial service we have ever attended was a cheerful performance compared to that of Hongkong's ambitious amateurs. As all the world knows Albery's "Two Roses" is such-utter-every-day-rot-that-one-wonders* how it ever came to win a name on the stage. flames, and the foreigners driven from their homes Hall on the asternoon of the 31st ult. Some good With a talented cast it is just bearable, with considerable slaughter. So far this rumour but when played, or rather ambled through has not been confirmed, and I hope it never will as it was last night, patience throws off be. One of the culprits is said to be a local chief restraint, and were it not for pity's sake of the Ko-lao Hues secret society, and the local would become open resentment. Why men officials are dreadfully scared lest an outbreak who in ordinary life would usually be of some magnitude should follow this outburst called sane, though perhaps not sensible, can of Tartar indignation. Hitherto Tartars have been submit to have themselves turned into objects supposed above the least suspicion of being alike of ridicule and censure is a mystery. connected with secret societies in any way. yet in this colony we have such exhibitions as the societies are forbidden by law and suppressed at times with awful severity. As almost every time an amateur performance is usual, the Tao-tai was away from his post given; but it must be acknowledged that the "Two Roses" in this particular respect will when this rowdyism became manifest. stand for ever unrivalled, for it was undoubtedly the weakest, and the most drivelling, idiotic production that has ever yet been given inside the walls of the City Hall. When it is stated that the staging was good, one has said all that can be said in its favor, excepting the attendance of a most excellent orchestra from the band of the A. and S. Highlanders, which two redeeming features considerably lessened the monotony of an otherwise irritating and thresome performance. As all the actors (sic) were of so mediocre a character it will be best, perhaps, to give each a passing notice as their names appear | Captain Wright, having arrived from the on the programme. The Digby Grant of Colonel Chater had at least the virtue of being an original conception. The character was correctly dressed and would have passed muster if Colonel Chater could have acted even a little bit. The two baby porous plasters that the gallant Colonel wore upon his head were painfully suggestive, but they failed in their office, which was, it is presumed, that of centreing and drawing out the desired amount of brain power to give something approaching an intelligent sketch of clever man of the world. Colonel Chater is everything that is estimable, but evidently acting is not in his line. But of all the eerle objects that have ever flitted across a fevered brain commend us to the Fack Wyatt of Mr. Michell-Innes. Wyatt, who forsooth, is supposed to be of a literary turn of mind, was in the -first scene represented as the ideal rat-catcher in "Verdant Green," and if he had but

for expecting histrionic ability from such a heaven-born genius as Mr. Mitchell.

Owing to the usual monthly settlements, which have passed off satisfactorily, there has been comparatively little legitimate business put through since our last report. with the sir of a man whose mission In some instances forced sales have been in life was on a par with the intellectual occupamade in various stocks for settlement purposes, but to quote these would only tend to mislead. Stocks generally show next time he tries to represent a gentleman on the a healthier tendency, and there would appear to be every indication of better and busier times in the near future. Docks are in great demand, cash sales having been arranged at from 94 to 100 per cent, premium, and at proportionately increased rates for forward delivery. They are now in great favor at the higher rates, . Banks are hardly so firm as they have been, but it may be doubted if there are many shares about half-past eight this morning, by which the part which in a measure redeems its vulgar on the market. China Sugars are in good time it is highly probable the thick had made side. To Mr. Mitchell, as Mr. Furnival, odour, but for the present Luzons are good his escape to Canten by the steamer which the family solicitor, the only word of praise that slightly under a cloud. In other stocks done to ultilise it either for public left at 8 s.m. to-day. Three coolies, who were can be honestly given to enyone in the cast is due, there has been nothing done calling for special reference.

> LATEST QUOTATIONS. Hongkong and Shanghal Bank, 234 per cent,premium, buyers. Hongkong and Shanghal Bank, New Issue,-

Mrs. Roberson as Ida were, pe haps, not quite so brilliant as they might have been, albeit exceedingly well. When next the A. D. C. strempt a public performance, let us hope they will choose a more fitting play and will also make use of some of the latent talent which

undoubledly exists in the ranks of the Club. Broomsticks may serve as horses for children -age and common sense demand something m**ore subs**tantial.

SHANGHAI.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

March 21rd, 1891. We are now erjoying a most delightful spell of fine weather; just cold enough when out of doors, yet warm enough to make one desire to move about briskly for either business or pleasure. We are having certain unsatisfactory changes in our Judicial and Consular Services, the heads of which are to be combined. This, of course, will produ e an animal something like a mule; neither ass nor horse; and if this monstrusity proves as stubborn as its quadruped prototype no doubt Shanghai is going to ee funny things, and, may be, have a lively time of it as soon as this new mongrel's parents have both vacated their respective offices, and have been duly succeeded, by their queer offspring, on the judicial woolsack behind the the Consular Flag-staff. The uniform to be worn by the new monster is to be a hat that is neither round, square nor oval, but thus (5). A new order of things-official altogether-shirt outside of trousers, surmounted by an overall coat without sleeves, open-breasted cotte-au-corp style, belegantly braided and buttoned in front and behird, with gold-braid, gold-lace, and brass. buttons lo be worn at al Lawn Tennis, and other parties according to regulations. By the way, there is a serious row on at Chinking which threatens to become dangerous. For some time past a number of Taitar soldiers of the local Tartar garrison have been accused of having trespassed on the foreign Concession, and made themselves obnoxious in various ways to some of the municipal "nobs," who have had the trespassers seize I and handed over to the Ireal magistrate, the Tan-tu Hsien, to be dealt with according to law. The latter magistrate has, however, no jurisdiction over Tartar soldiers, so he applied to the Tartar Lieutenant-General off the pay-roll, and then liberated them to be dealt with by the magistrate administering civil law. The Magistrate, I am told, then applied for special authority from the Viceroy at Nangking to deal with the case in a summary manner. The authority having been given and received, the offenders were dealt with rigorously. of them receiving one thousand strokes of the flat bamboo accross the thighs. This action, however, created a wave of indignation against Tu-tung and the magistrate. Accordingly a large number of bannermen collected about Tutung's Yamen demanding the release of their comrades and the removal of the magistrate. Tu-tung's Yamen, was being demolished when the General got scared, and sent over to the magistrate to have culprits Club has notified the general public through the released. This the magistrate very rightly Chinese soldiers in his Yamen. With this force at his back the civil magnate remained firm and asked for further instructions, meanwhile foreigners became alarmed and several Loi_them fled to Shanghai for safety. The British Consul applied for an gunboat to come to the rescue, and the protection of foreign interests, and the Linnet was dispatched there with all haste. Sunday was the day appointed by the riotous soldiers for the

Fonsignees.

destruction of the foreign settlement, and there

was a rumour affoat last night on the Bund to

the effect that the foreign Concession was in

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GLENMORVEN," above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected. "All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 4th April, or they will not be recognised. RUSSELL & Co.,

Hongkong, 26th March, 1891.

Commercial.

THE WEEK'S SHARE BUSINESS. Hongkong, March 28th.

[From Mesers, Geo. Falconer &;Co.'s Register,

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Union Insurance Society of Canton-\$95 per share, buyers. China Traders' Insurance Company-\$63 per share, buyers. North China Insurance—Tis, 275 per share,

Canton Insurance Company, Limited-\$115 per share, sellers. Yangtere Insurance Association-Tis. 70 per share, nominal,

In Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 ner share. longkong Fire Insurance Company-\$320 per share, sellers. Thina Fire Insurance Company—\$82 per share,

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company-\$99 per cent, premium, buyers. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.-\$36 per share, sellers.

Thina and Manila Steam Ship Company-125 per share, sellers. Hongkong Gas Company - \$131 per share, fongkong Hotel Company-\$120 per share,

longkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited -30 per cent. discount, sellers. Douglas Steamship Company-\$47 per share,

hina Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$208 ner share, buyers. Juzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$101 per share, sellers,

Hongkong Ice Company-\$89 per share, sellers. Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited —\$75 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited-\$8 per share, sellers, S. S. Writson'& Co., Limited \$227 per share,

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B-21 per cent. premium, sellers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C-5 per cent. premium, buyers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E-14 per cent.

longkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited-\$130 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited— \$25 per share, nominal. Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co. —\$3 per/share, sellers. The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited-80 cents

per share, sellers. muris Mining Co., Limited-\$13 per share, The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited-\$8

per share, sellers. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$78 per share, buyers. Tonquin Coal Mining Co .- \$440 per share,

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited-\$55 per share, buyers. The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited-\$10 per share, buyers.

.G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$63 per share, The Songei Koyah Planting Co., Limited-\$131 per share, buyers.

Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$40 per share, The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal. The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company.

Limited —50 per cent. dis., sellers, The China-Borneo Co., Limited-\$6 per share,

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited -\$12 per share, sellers. The Green Island Cement Co .- \$19 per share,

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited-\$88 per share, buyers. The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited-\$5

per share, sellers. Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$23 per share,

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited-\$30 per share, sellers.

The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited-\$12 per share, sellers. The Labuk Planting Co., Limited-\$25 per

share, sellers. The Lamag Planting Co., Limited-\$7 per share,

The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited-\$2 per share, buyers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited-\$1 per share, buyers.

The Shameen Hotel Co., Limited—nominal. The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited-\$15 per share, buyers.

The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Ld.-\$18 per share, ex. div., sellers. The Pank of China & Japan & the Straits Ld.—

£180, Founders' shares, buyers. The Hongkong Marina, Limited—nominal. London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Limited-£15, sellers. 🕛

EXCHANGE

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 3/24 Credits at 4 months' sight3/2! Documentary Bills, at 4 months? ON PARIS-Bank Bills, on demand4.00 Credits, at 4 months' sight4.09 ON SHANGHAY—

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-Carlowits & Co. Japan, Peruvian bark, 398, M. Janila, 17th -Gonsalves & Co.

JENNY, American schooner, 47, Baade, 9th Jan., -Yap 26th December, Beche-de-mer,-Master.

-Singapore 31st January, Timber,-Chinese. LANDSKRONA, British bark, 1,370, J. W. Boyd, oth Jan.,-New York 31st July, Petroleum.

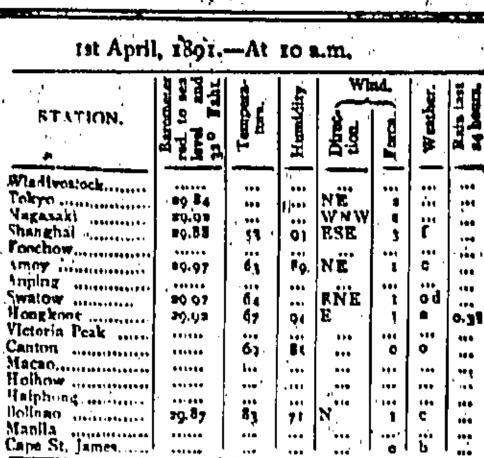
-Jardine, Matheson & Co. LUCY A. NICKELS, American ship, 1,335, Chas. lia, 4th Dec., Coal.—Order.

PENSHAW, British bask, 729. John Inokay, 18th Feb.,—Camagan (Philippines), 7th Feb., Timber.—Gibb, Livingston & Co. SARA MERSEDES, Peruvian schooner, 245, A. Muniatgin, 4th July,—Saigon 27th June, Rica.—Captain.

TARAPACA, British bark, 495, H. Kennett, 7th March,-Sandakan 23rd January, Timber, -Gibb, Livingston & Co.

7th March,-Honolulu 21st January, Iron, Copper, &c .- Wing We Chan & Co

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The barometer is rising. Gradients moderate for north-east winds. Weather overcast, rather warm and wet. (Issued at 10 50

t-Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths, s-Temperature in the shade in degrees, Fabe renheit. v—Humidity in percentage of esturation, the humidity of air enturated with moisture being roo. 4—Direction of the wind to two points. 3.—Force of the wind according to lieuters scale. 5—State of the weather, I Blue sky, c Detached clouds, d Driviling rain, f Fog. c Gloomy, A Hall, I Lightning, o Overcast, f Passing showers, c Squally, r Rain, t Snow, I Thunder, w Vialbility, we Dow west, y—Rain in Inches, tenths and hundredths.

W. Dorszer.

Hongkong Observatory, 1st April 1801.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

ADVSSINIA, British steamer, 2,748, J. C. Williamson, R.N.R., 1st April,-Saigon 27th March, Rice.-Kung Yuen. ANCONA, British steamer, 1,888, W. D. Mudie, 30th March,—Yokohama 21st March, Mails

and General .- P. & O. S. N. Co. BISAGNO, Italian steamer, 1,499, G. Orengo, 31st March,-Bombay 11th March, and Singapore 23rd, General .- Carlowitz & Co. CHINA, American str., 5,200, W. B. Seabury, 22nd March,-San Francisco 26th Feb., and

Yokohama 17th March, Mails and General —P. M. S. S. Co. CHOWFA, British steamer. 1,057, F. W. Phillips. 30th March,-Bangkole 21st March, and Koh-si-chang 23rd, General.-Yuen Fat

DONAR, German steamer, 1,649, B. Grundmann, 15th March,-Cardiff 21st January, Coal,-Melchers & Co.

EMPRESS OF INDIA. British steamer, 5,904, Q. P. Marshall, 23rd March,-Berkinhead 8th Feb., General.—Adamson, Bell & Co. GHAZEE, British steamer, 1,764. A. Scotland, 31st March,-Saigon 27th March, General. -Adamson, Bell & Co.

HAITAN, British steamer, 1,183, S. Ashton, 31st March,-Foochow 27th March, Amoy 28th. and Swatow 30th, General.-D. Lapraik HAILOONG, British steamer, 783, Bathurst, 1st

April,-Tamsui 29th March, Amoy 30th, and Swatow 31st, General.-D. Lapraik JAPAN, British steamer, 1,865, J. G. Olifent, 20th March, -Calculta 12th March, Penang

19th, and Singapore 22nd, Opium and General.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. LANCELOT, British steamer, 1,564, T. Thomas, 27th March,—Saigon 22nd March, Rice and Paddy.-Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

MEMNON, British steamer, 825, A. Dorff, 31st March, -Sandakan 27th March, General .--Butterfield & Swire. NINGPO, German steamer, 762, R. Kohler, 31st

March,—Whampoa 31st March, General.— Siemssen & Co. PARTHIA, British steamer, 2,035, John Panton, R.N.R., 26th March,-Vancouver 18th Feb., Yokohama 1 ith March, Kobe 15th, Nagasaki 18th, and Woosung 22nd, General.-

Adamson, Bell & Co. PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,011. J. A. Morris, 25th March, Bangkok 18th March, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat

SIAM, British steamer, oor, John M. Tulloch, 31st March,-Singapore 27th March, General.—Chinese. SIKH, British steamer, 1,716, J. Rowley, 28th

March, -- Saigon 24th March, Ricc. -- Adamson, Bell & Co. SWATOW, British steamer, 630, E. Hildebrand, 27th March,-Whampoa 27th March, General --- Melchers & Co.

TAY-CHEONG, German steamer, 828, P. Duhme, 31st March,-Saigon 26th March, Rice.-Meyer & Co. TELLUS, Norwegian str., 1,948, J. Amundsen, 11st March,-Kutchinotzu 26th March, Coals,-Mitsul Bussan Kaisha.

THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 3rd December,-Talwanfoo 20th Nov., Arnoy 1st December, and Swatow 2nd, General.-D. Lapraik & Co. THANCE Av, Chinese steamer, 350, Wong Ling Sing 11th Dec.,-Halphong 27th Dec.,

Ballast,-Chinese. TRITOS, German steamer, 1,346, G. Dogler, 28th March,-Saigon 22nd March, Rice.-Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

SAILING VESSELS. IENER COBURN, American ship, 1,980, %. H. Nicholls, 4th March,-New York 4th Oct., Kerosene Oil.—Order.

ADOLPH OBRIO, American bark, 1,376, F. Carleton, 5th March,-New York 31st Augur . . Kerosene Oil.-Reuter, Brockelmann & Co. ARMENTEN, British bark, 1.007, F. W. Morse, toth March,-New York 17th September, Petroleum.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. COLOMA, American bark, 814, Noyes, 1st Jan.,-

Portland 21st Oct., Lumber and Spars,— Order. DOROTHEA, German bark, 629, H. F. Moeller, 25th March.—Hamburg 20th Oct., General. -Siemssen & Co. GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, 1,197, J. F.

Rowell, 11th March,-Newcastle, N.S.W., 10th January, Coal.—Order. HEATHER BELL, British bark, 479, Thos. Huyd, 18th March,-Albany (W.A.), 20d January, Sandalwood.—Siemssen & Co. HEINRICH, German bark, 923, F. H. Bannau, 22nd Feb., -Hamburg 20th Sept., General.

Nov., -Callao (Peru) 30th August, General.

KETTY, British bark, 840, H. Wilson, 3rd March,

M. Nichols, 20th Jan.,-Newcastle, Austra-

WM. LE LACHEUR, British bark, 573, W. Auld,